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HERE COME DIVA FEVER

Camp duo Diva Fever have been booted off of ITV's X-Factor.

The pair sang Gloria Gaynor's disco hit I Will Survive on the live talent show on Saturday night, but unfortunately they failed to do just that, and that means the lads will perform at Maidstone's Liquid nightclub on Friday night.

Following boy band FYD's performance last weekend, the town's X-Factor fans will be treated to their second live gig at the nightspot in as many weeks.

For more information visit www.liquidclubs.com/maidstone.

■ BY JOE BILL

A LABOUR peer is set to be suspended and ordered to pay back £125,000 in false expense claims made over a house in Maidstone.

Baroness Uddin faces a lengthy suspension from the House of Lords after a conduct committee said she had not acted in 'good faith' by declaring an empty flat in the town as her main home.

The House of Lords will debate whether to accept the committee's findings tomorrow.

The controversial flat, which neighbours say nobody lived in, allowed the peer to claim a second home allowance, despite actually living close to Westminster in Wapping, east London.

Baroness Uddin, who became Britain's first woman Muslim peer in 1998, could be suspended until Easter 2012, or even longer if she refuses to repay the £125,349.10 as recommended in the conduct committee report.

In a previous solicitor's statement, Lady Uddin said: "I do not believe I have done anything wrong or breached any House of Lords rules. The Wapping house is rented, while I own the property in Maidstone. The Maidstone property is furnished and I strongly deny that I have never lived there. Indeed, I have stayed there regularly since buying it."

For members of the Commons a 'main residence' is considered to be the home where an MP spends most nights, but in the Lords there is no fixed definition.

Mary Morgan, director of public information at the Lords, said: "A member will know what his/her main residence is. It's where they live."

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Sister tells Treeby murder trial of 'two cartridge' threats

■ BY JOE BILL

A SISTER in the Jack Treeby murder trial told a court her elder brother had threatened to kill her and other family members.

Alison Treeby, of Princes Park, Chatham, told the jury that during a telephone call with defendant and brother, Bill Treeby, he threatened to give three of his relatives "two cartridges" each.

Alison also claimed Bill said wife Charity Treeby, another defendant, would also be "coming for you".

At Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, prosecutor Jonathan Higgs asked the witness to tell the court what was said in the phone call on Christmas Eve, 2009.

The conversation took place in a car park outside the Harrow pub in Lidsing after an argument between Jack Treeby and Bill Treeby's son, Billy Jnr.

Alison said: "I was in the car with Jack. I put the phone on loudspeaker so my brother could hear.

"I said, 'Why don't you sort it out, it looks as if the argument is going too far'. He [Bill] said, 'I'm not sorting nothing out, its two cartridges for the big boy', referring to Gary, 'two cartridges for Jack and the same again for Johnny'."

Alison continued: "I told him not to be stupid and sort it out differently.



JACK TREEBY: Chased down the street

He said, 'No, they can have it. You are not there anyway, are you?'

"I said, 'Yes, I am' and he said, 'I am going to bring Chart (Charity) for you.'"

The witness went on to describe her view of events at Quarry Road three days later, on December 27, 2009.

Having spoken to Bill once again on the phone, Alison then recalled the incidents leading up to the death of her brother, Jack.

When asked what she heard after the phone call, she said: "Screeching from cars and a lot of shouting. A Range Rover and a Mondeo turned

left into Quarry Road, that's when all the shooting and screaming started."

The witness also described how she heard the voice of another defendant, George Treeby, who she said was 'hanging out of the window of the Range Rover wearing a balaclava and holding a gun'.

During cross-examination, Alison denied seeing either Gary or Jack with a weapon.

Defendants Bill Treeby, 50, his wife Charity, 51, and their sons Billy, 29, and George, 23, all deny murdering Jack Treeby, from Rainham.

Jack Treeby, 43, died after he was run over by a car. His brother, Gary Treeby, was also shot with a shotgun before being beaten with an iron bar.

Gary has recovered from his injuries and is expected to take the stand, as will witnesses to the alleged attack, which was partially caught on CCTV.

The four accused, from Queen Street, Paddock Wood, also face charges of attempted murder of the deceased's son, Jack Treeby Jnr.

A further charge of conspiracy to kill another family member, John Treeby, is also faced by the family.

During the evening of December 27, 2009, a Range Rover drove into Quarry Road and smashed into a number of vehicles including that of the deceased, Jack Treeby.

It is alleged that Jack Treeby was then chased down the street, run over and crushed by the Range Rover.

The case continues.

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Turning waste paper into drinking water

A RECYCLING company is using waste paper to raise cash for the Third World charity WaterAid.

Cardboard and paper not needed at South East Water's head office in Snodland is being taken to Smurfit Kappa Recycling, weighed and converted into cash which is then donated to the charity.

South East Water donated of £209.96 to WaterAid through the recycling scheme.

Sue Sampson of South East Water said: "WaterAid is our nominated charity and a cause close to our hearts. Just £15 can enable one person to access safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation.

"This scheme not only ensures our paper and cardboard waste is recycled, it enables the firm to help a charity provide fresh water to those who are not as fortunate as us."

RUSH pamper party in aid of cancer care

A HAIR salon in Maidstone town centre is hosting a pamper party in support of breast cancer awareness.

RUSH, in Fremlin Walk, is offering customers skin and hair care advice, hand massages and facials as part of Friday's event.

Representatives from Yves Saint Lauren and GHD will be demonstrating how to use their products and styling tools.

Salon manager Katy Paterson said: "This is the perfect opportunity for clients to have a little more time in the salon and get great tips and advice on hair care and beauty products. It should also be a bit of fun for everyone while raising money for a good cause."

Tickets are available from RUSH at Fremlin Walk, priced £25, or £40 for two. All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Make your mark and keep burglars at bay

POLICE have been carrying out a week-long forensic marking operation to deter burglary in Maidstone.

Officers have been giving away forensic marking solution to home owners in the county town.

This liquid covers property with a fluid which is invisible to the naked eye but detectable under ultraviolet lights in the police custody suite.

If an offender or property glows under the lights, a swab of the liquid's unique code can be linked to a specific crime scene or location.

A spokesman said: "With the nights drawing in we can expect to see a rise in burglary. Don't make life easy for thieves. It's important to take steps to prevent access to your property.

"Anyone witnessing suspicious behaviour can contact police on 01622 690690."

Bungling 999 staff add fuel to taxpayers' ire

EXCLUSIVE

BY JOE BILL

BUNGLING emergency service workers and careless council employees have cost Kent taxpayers more than £40,000 in the last three years by putting the wrong fuel in their cars.

Kent Police were the biggest culprits for mis-filling vehicles, clocking up a staggering 109 failed fuel attempts since 2008. That equates to a mistake every six days and a cost to the public of £13,010.

Dozy drivers from the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB) and Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) also made the silly servicemen list. SECAMB workers were guilty of 78 fuelling mishaps, costing £11,000, while KFRS officers had 12 pump problems, wasting £3,594 of vital funding.

Kent County Council staff members mis-fuelled to the tune of £10,254 while Maidstone Borough Council workers had two blunders.

Emma Boon, from the Taxpayers' Alliance, said: "Mistakes do happen, but it is quite shocking the same mistake is being repeated and is costing taxpayers so much money."

"A cheap and easy solution to prevent this from happening would be for the organisations to stick a label on the petrol cap, like many firms do with company cars, to make it very clear to the driver which type of fuel should be used. This is needless waste that can be reduced with a simple measure."

Each of the services was asked under the

Freedom of Information Act to outline how many times vehicles had been filled up with the wrong fuel and how much it cost to have the resulting problems sorted.

A Kent Police spokesman played down the mistakes, saying: "Kent Police has 1,197 vehicles in its fleet which travelled 20 million miles during the 2009/10 financial year."

"In this time period there were 73,125 financial transactions for fuel purchases of which 63, or 0.09 per cent, involved cars that were filled with the wrong fuel."

"In the last two years, the force implemented a diesel only policy to reduce fuel costs and the production of carbon emissions, saving the force £500,000 per year."

"While the number of cars being fuelled incorrectly is small, the force is committed to reducing this figure further."

Responsibility

Liz Spiers, from the SECAMB NHS Trust, said: "While taking our responsibility towards the taxpayer extremely seriously, the cost of misfuelling needs to be taken into context of number of journeys the trust undertakes and our overall vehicle maintenance budget."

KCC's corporate support chief Roger Gough said: "Quite clearly all these incidents are due to human error. Looking at the statistics, of the £10,254.83 repair bill over the three and a half year period analysed, individuals with lease cars were responsible for repairs totalling nearly £8,000."

"All these repairs were paid for by the individuals, not the council, as agreed in their lease contracts. The 12 remaining incidents, costing £2,287.96, were paid for by KCC."

Roadside recovery service the AA has released figures estimating that more than 150,000 people in the UK put the wrong fuel in their tanks every year.



SILLY FUEL: Taxpayers have picked up a hefty tab for mistakes at the pumps



EXPENSES: Baroness Uddin claimed for a second home in Maidstone, despite living in east London

Uddin suspension over empty home

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"For the purpose of claiming expenses it's where they travel to and from. There is no official definition."

Born in Bangladesh, Manzila Pola Uddin came to the UK as a teenager and went on to become a community worker and social services officer, while at the same time pursuing a political career that saw her rise to be deputy leader of Tower Hamlets council in the early 1990s.

She was made a peer by Tony Blair in 1998, and took the title Baroness Uddin of Bethnal Green in our London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Then aged 38, she was the youngest woman in the Lords.

As a campaigner on women's and ethnic minority issues she has become part of the new Labour establishment and is a friend of Cherie Blair.

Her social networking Facebook friends include the former cabinet ministers Harriet Harman, Hazel Blears and David Miliband, and Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's former press secretary.

Farmers' market discount - if you are in the pink

STALLHOLDERS at West Malling farmers' market will be dressing in pink for the day to raise cash for charity. Pink Sunday is aimed at raising money and awareness for Breast Cancer Care.

Any customer also dressing in pink will receive a ten per cent discount off purchases which they can keep or donate to the charity.

Steve Wood, market manager, said: "This is a great cause for which we would like to raise a decent amount. In the UK, someone is diagnosed with breast cancer every 11 minutes."

Pink Sunday is this weekend, between 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Daughter's heartfelt tribute after elderly cyclist's death

THE daughter of an elderly cyclist killed in a collision with a car has paid tribute to her "passionate" and "sociable" father.

Ernest Chennell, 85, tragically died after the accident in which his bike collided with a blue Renault Clio in Claygate, Marden, on Sunday, last week.

He leaves behind a daughter, Gwen, and son-in-law, Ian. Gwen described Ernest as having had a passion for life and a kind spirit.

She said: "He was a very sociable man, and an integral part of the Collier Street community, having lived within a five-mile radius of the village his whole life. People liked him and were drawn to him. He would always have time to sit and chat and tell you all his stories about

his life working as a lorry driver."

Known to many as 'Boy', Mr Chennell served in the Horsmonden Home Guard during World War Two and was the last surviving member of the unit. He drew on his in-depth knowledge of the area to protect the village during the conflict.

These memories were recently recorded by the National Trust, as a living testament to his involvement in the war effort and to preserve the history of the war in the area.

Later in life, he moved to Collier Street, away from the farms he had worked on as a lad, and became known for his well-tended garden of vegetables and colourful flowers. He regularly attended steam rallies and drove traction engines.

His daughter added: "Dad had a

strong independent streak and lived life well and to the full. We will miss him terribly. He was a significant part of our lives and there will certainly be a large gap left by him."

"He gave so much to others and I know he would have fully supported the donations we are making on his behalf to the Air Ambulance."

Police are still investigating the incident, which happened close to the White Hart pub, at the junction with Sheephurst Lane, shortly after 10am. The Air Ambulance was called, but Mr Chennell was pronounced dead at the scene.

The funeral date is yet to be set but is being arranged by Viner and Sons in West Malling, who are accepting donations to the Kent Air Ambulance on behalf of the family.

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No evidence to suggest Pole who drowned was pushed to his death

A POLISH national was found dead in the River Medway just days before he was due to return home, an inquest has heard.

The court at Archbishop's Palace in Maidstone heard how Boguslaw Zybajlo, 50, of no fixed abode, died after entering the water near Allington Lock on Sunday, April 26 last year.

Mr Zybajlo's body was found on the tidal side of the lock heading away from the town centre, but is believed to have been in the water for a number of days after his disappearance on Friday, April 17, 2009. A pathologist report showed there was no sign of any injury to the body and that Mr Zybajlo had drowned.

Mr Zybajlo was last seen collecting wages from a bakery in the Allington area where he sometimes worked.

He well known to Maidstone officials as he

■ BY JOE BILL

often slept rough in the town and was said to have a 'problem with alcohol'.

A statement from Detective Inspector Barry Knott told how a police investigation led to interviews with other members of the homeless community, known to be friendly with Mr Zybajlo.

In DI Knott's report, it said that homeless Robert Lowthian claimed that "everyone knew he had been pushed in the river in Maidstone town centre".

But DI Knott said: "It was very difficult to hold a conversation with Mr Lowthian due to effects of alcohol. When he spoke about 'everyone' he was talking about his peers in the homeless community only."

Coroner Roger Sykes told the court how lock keeper Timothy Bengier had also filed a report

saying that it would be near impossible for a body to pass through the lock to the Medway side without someone noticing. The report suggested that the force at which water is drained from the lock through a two-foot gap would mean there would be some bruising to the body.

Mr Bengier also said that for the body to have floated from the town centre to Allington without being caught on a boat or reeds would be very unlikely.

Coroner Roger Sykes concluded that as there was no bruising to the body, it was impossible to tell whether Mr Zybajlo had fallen in accidentally under the influence of alcohol or if he had been pushed.

He said: "We have heard that he was alive when he went in the water, but whether anyone else was involved or he just lost his balance, I cannot make any conclusions at all."

Mr Sykes recorded an open verdict.

Extended time for secondary places

PARENTS of year six pupils who are going to start secondary school in September 2011, have just two weeks left to submit their application.

The official closing date is Sunday, October 31.

However, because of the October school holiday, KCC will accept applications as 'on time' up until Friday, November 5.

Thousands of families from Kent and neighbouring areas will be submitting up to four schools of their choice.

KCC education chief Sarah Hohler said: "Many families have already submitted their choices and with the Kent Test assessments announced this week, many more will follow ahead of the October 31 deadline.

"I fully appreciate there will be delight and disappointment as the Kent Test assessment letters or emails are read.

"Whatever the outcome, Kent has a wide range of secondary schools to suit everyone."

Last year more than 13,000 families submitted their secondary school preferences via www.kent.gov.uk/ola.



DOG SEALED INTO BOX

A HEAVILY-pregnant dog was sealed in a cardboard box and left for dead on Maidstone woodland, animal welfare officers have revealed.

The young Jack Russell bitch, who had an unborn puppy trapped in her womb and was in a state of collapse, was found on Penenden Heath, near Maidstone, on Sunday, October 10.

A member of the public spotted the box at noon and reported the find to the RSPCA.

The severely-ill dog was rushed to the vet, where an emergency caesarean was performed.

RSPCA animal welfare officer Kelly Feeley

said: "It is very difficult to know how long she was sealed up in the box, but she was very ill when we found her.

"It was an unbelievably cruel thing to do. She must have been terrified as well as very sick."

The Jack Russell, who has been dubbed Daisy, is being cared for at the RSPCA centre at Leybourne.

"She has been on a drip, but she is making a good recovery now," said Kelly.

RSPCA officers are hunting Daisy's owner. Anyone who has any information is asked to call the RSPCA on 0300 123 4999.

Teen escaped phone theft on bike

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a boy escaped robbers who demanded he hand over his mobile phone.

The 15-year-old was riding his bike home from Mote Park on Friday, October 8, when he was stopped by two older boys who began to threaten him.

Luckily a car passed, briefly stopping the robbery and the lad managed to get away.

The incident happened at 6.10pm near Mote House.

The first offender is described as white, with very tanned skin, about 19 years old, and of skinny build.

He had brown hair, short on the sides longer on top, but flat.

He was wearing a blue and cream jumper with chunky horizontal stripes.

The jumper had a logo on the right-hand side of the chest.

He was also wearing dark tracksuit bottoms, which had a white stripe on each leg.

The offender also had Nike Air Max trainers which were blue and white and was on a silver mountain bike with front suspension and a white bottle holder attached to the frame.

The second male is described as white, aged 17 to 18, smaller build than the first, with short brown hair, wearing a black waterproof hip-length jacket with four pockets on the front. He had black tracksuit bottoms on.

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Roman coins hoard declared 'treasure'

■ BY JOE BILL

A HOARD of Roman coins discovered on the outskirts of Maidstone has been officially declared as treasure.

A total of 4,653 copper-alloy coins dating back to the 4th Century AD were found during a dig at a recreational ground in Snodland.

The coins, known today as nummus, were inscribed with the words 'happy times are here again', in Latin.

Historians believe that this motto was referring to Romans celebrating the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Rome.

The find was made by Mathew Bulmer on behalf of Archaeology South East, ahead of a proposed housing development for the area in 2006.

The coins, which contain traces of silver, were found using geo-technical machinery on the site owned by Smufit Kappa Paper UK.

At an inquest in the Archbishop's Palace, Maidstone, Coroner Roger Sykes was able to determine that the find was deemed to be treasure.

KCC's finds liaison officer, Jennifer



TREASURE: The 4,653 Roman coins were unearthed at a recreation ground in Snodland, which was being prepared for a housing development

Jackson, explained that under the 1996 Treasure Act, any hoard of more than 10 coins dating back further than 300 years is deemed as a treasure.

Therefore the finder has to offer the item for sale to a museum at a price set by an independent board of experts.

Miss Jackson said: "These coins are from the 4th Century. This is a large find for Kent but not uncommon."

Two finds of 10 coins in 2008 and 16 coins in 2009 were found on the site again by Archaeology South East.

The British Museum was consulted

to properly diagnose the finds and this week Coroner Roger Sykes confirmed that all of the coins were part of the same hoard and declared as treasure.

He said: "I am satisfied that the antiquity of the coins and their number constitutes treasure. I am also satisfied that the subsequent finds were part of the same hoard."

"I will be sending confirmation to the British Museum. Now procedures of acquiring the finds can be made by Maidstone Museum to the finders and to those who clearly have an interest."



MP PUTS HAND TO THE PLOUGH

MAIDSTONE MP Helen Grant enjoyed a very different style of mud flinging as she took in the historical Weald ploughing match.

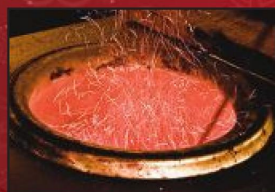
The competition between local farmers sees agriculture vultures show off their skills in the field as they turn over the soil in a race against the clock.

Helen went along to support the event at Brissenden Farm, Frittenden, accompanied by husband Simon and Border Terrier Charlie.

Helen said: "This competition has been held since 1946. It is a brilliant showcase of life in the Weald and it is also marvellous fun."

"This is also a great networking opportunity for our rural communities, with a large range of local businesses exhibiting their services and products and some very impressive heavy equipment demonstrations too."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

JOHN BARNES



Q When did you start in nightclub management?

A In 1997 at The Venue in Poole, Dorset. I started off as a general assistant behind the bar, serving customers. It was a stop-gap job I applied for because it sounded fun and I wanted to start earning.

But it wasn't long before I realised this is what I wanted to do and over the years I progressed up the ranks.

This working environment is really addictive. Few start out wanting to be a nightclub manager, but you catch the bug. Nearly all my peers started from the bottom and worked their way up.

Q Tell us about your average day.

A A typical day involves arriving at the venue at about 11am and working through emails.

Keeping on top of the cleaning and making sure the club is safe as well as adhering to constantly changing legislation can be a big ask for a 2,800 capacity venue, especially one which is over a decade old.

Few people realise how much work goes on outside of trading hours. We have a large number of people on site at any given time, putting preparations in for the night's trade.

Then it's a case of overseeing that the night runs smoothly. I have a great team who I can rely on to pull out all the stops and give cus-

tomers an experience they won't forget, for all the right reasons.

One of my favourite aspects of the job is chatting with customers about how their night's gone. You get a real buzz knowing you've provided somebody with that bit of escapism from the nine-to-five.

Q How has the industry changed?

A The late night leisure industry has taken a hit in the last few years with the introduction of the 24-hour sale of alcohol from any outlet, the smoking ban and the global downturn. It would have been easy to have lost our way, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We had to shift our focus more to the customers' point of view.

Q Where would you like to be in five years?

A In five years' time, I would just like the business to be as relevant and appealing as it is today, offering value for money and a great all-round experience.

Q Any advice for aspiring nightclub managers?

A Be prepared for very little sleep and your body not knowing whether it's night or day. Seriously, the best advice would be to immerse yourself in your job and be patient. There is no guidebook for this job, no university degree.

It's all about learning the ropes, listening to advice and, most importantly, keep that passion burning.

Q If you could have any job, what would it be and why?

A Getting paid to travel would be amazing as I rarely get the chance. Some of our security staff at the club are doing a charity canoe trip along the length of the Yukon River and offered for me to join them for a leg of the journey. Unfortunately I'm unable to take them up on the offer.

Q Who is your hero and why?

A Former footballer Stuart Pearce – the guy just exudes passion. You always got 110 per cent heart and soul from 'Psycho'. I remember when he suffered a broken leg but tried to play on. The man is passion personified.

Q Do you have a claim to fame?

A This industry is a magnet for the rich and famous. In the last few weeks we've had Scott Maslen (EastEnders), Ricky Whittle (Hollyoaks), Kenzie (Blazing Squad), Emma Bunton (Spice Girl), Calvin Harris and Blake Harrison perform. Recently we had Anthony Costa from boy band Blue and EastEnders actor Dean Gaffney turn up for a night out.

Q&A

The general manager of Liquid nightclub in Maidstone's Lockmeadow complex talks to reporter Joe Bill about rubbing shoulders with the stars and his admiration for ex-footballer Stuart 'Psycho' Pearce

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Speeding fine avoided thanks to postal strike

A MOTORIST swerved an expensive speeding fine after his lawyers exploited a legal loophole.

Benjamin Childs, from Maidstone, won his case against the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership thanks to a timely postal strike.

Mr Childs was sent a notice of intended prosecution after a mobile camera allegedly caught him driving along Willington Street, which has a 30mph speed limit, at 39mph on October 18, 2009.

The partnership posted the letter three days later at the earliest, but a national postal strike delayed its arrival.

Mr Childs' legal team at My Brief Solicitors, in Chatham, said the usual rule is to send the notice to the registered keeper within 14 days of the offence being committed.

They argued that the partnership should have taken other steps to deliver, such as by hand or by courier.

My Brief wrote to the partnership, but camera chiefs and the Crown Prosecution Service still took the issue to court.

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

The case was subsequently dropped.

Lawyer Jeremy Betts said: "The case was in court twice before Mr Childs was acquitted. This means it has resulted in thousands of pounds in wasted costs, with the partnership having to pay Mr Childs' solicitors' costs as well as the time spent wasting court time.

"This highlights the partnership's inability to understand the law. It expects motorists to comply with certain time limits yet the partnership seems to take the view that the same time limits do not apply to them."

A partnership spokesman said: "We have to post the notice of intended prosecution to the registered keeper of the vehicle within 14 days of the offence.

"The registered keeper does not actually have to receive it within the 14 days, so we are unsure as to why this decision was reached and are currently in discussions with the Crown Prosecution Service.

"The stretch of road in question is Willington Street in Maidstone, and the safety camera is



TIMING ISSUE: Notifications of speeding transgressions should be sent out within 14 days

there because four people have been killed or seriously injured.

"Mr Betts states the partnership 'seems to take the view that the same time limits do not apply to them': we would like to take this opportunity to remind his client that the same speed limits apply to him as they do other motorists."

Hero dog Bob is star of museum

BOB the messenger dog is one of the star attractions at the newly-refurbished Queen's Own West Kent Royal Regimental Museum.

The revamped collection is housed in the Maidstone Museum in St Faith's Street and celebrates 50 years of public ownership with thought-provoking exhibits, including a decorated Sutej Gun and four Victorian Crosses.

Bob the dog has his own story to tell. His job was message carrier for the regiment in the Second World War and he was the first dog to win the Dickin Medal for gallantry — the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross.

He was awarded the medal for constant devotion to duty with a special mention for patrol work at Green Hill, North Africa, while serving with the 6th battalion in 1944.

He dodged all sorts of shells and bombs to deliver his messages.

On one occasion, Bob warned the men of the impending enemy and his actions saved many British lives.

Bob, a collie/Labrador cross, had a distinctive black and white coat, which was camouflaged during the war.

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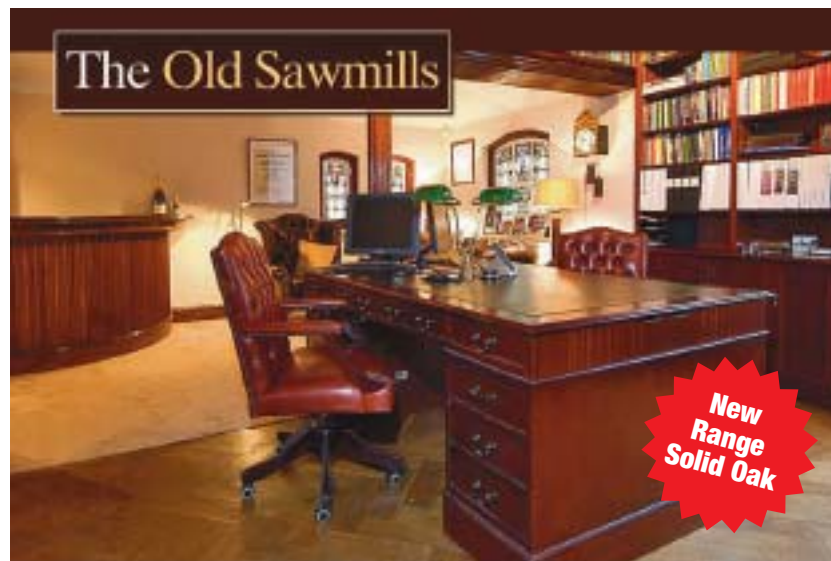
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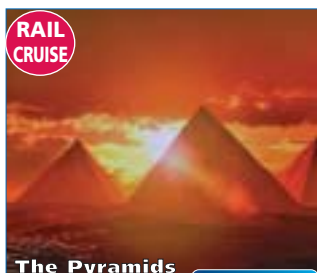
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'Inquest will give us facts we need about son's death'

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE father of one of the victims of the 7/7 bombings in London has spoken of hope that the truth about his son's death might finally emerge.

An inquest into the deaths of the 52 people killed in the 2005 suicide attacks on three tube trains and a bus began last Monday.

Grahame Russell, who lives in East Peckham, lost his son, Philip, 28, who was travelling on the number 30 bus blown up in Tavistock Square.

Many families, including the Russells, want a public inquiry, and have questions over what MI5 knew about the attacks and whether they could have been prevented.

Mr Russell said: "What I'd really like is the truth to come out – none of this smoke-screening that has gone on in the past.

"One has to take into account issues that they may or may not be able to release, but the Official Secrets Act has been used as something to hide behind.

"We're trusting that things will come out in

the inquest that will really tell the truth."

Of the five reports into the attacks, none have looked at how the victims died.

Mr Russell said that he and his wife, Veronica, had not been up to the inquest, which is taking place at The Royal Courts of Justice in London, but would be there when it investigates events at Tavistock Square early next year. The hearing is expected to last until March 2011.

Footage and pictures of the chaotic aftermath of the bombings has already been shown. Witnesses who survived the attacks on the underground trains near Aldgate, Edgware Road and Russell Square tube stations and on the double-decker bus in Tavistock Square near King's Cross will provide evidence. Members of the emergency services will give their accounts of events.

"Stuff will come out that has never been heard before," Mr Russell said. "The problem is that everyone tries to cover for themselves.

"I think there are some issues that will emerge later down the road."

The inquest is being held by Lady Justice Hallett, and Mr Russell said he had faith in her ability.

"The coroner set a wide scope for the

inquest, which is unusual. I have every faith she will handle it competently," he added.

As well as those killed, some 700 people were injured, many of them severely and permanently, when the four suicide bombers, who were all British men backed by al-Qaeda, detonated their devices.

Mr Russell's son, Philip, who worked as a finance manager for JP Morgan Asset Management and was living in Kennington in south London, was among the 13 people who died on the number 30 bus.



INQUEST OPENS: The aftermath of the explosion on a bus in Tavistock Square on July 7, 2005

'Sweet old man' could be planning to con you

A COLD-calling alert has gone out to warn residents in the Maidstone area of a 'sweet old gentlemen' conning victims out of money.

Trading Standards in Kent are advising homeowners and local businessmen to be wary of the elderly man offering to service refrigerators and dishwashers.

The trickster has been described as a retired male in his 60s, with no accent. He drives an unmarked van and the work he carries out is alleged to be unsatisfactory and has cost thousands of pounds to put right.

Following his visits the man is not contactable on his mobile telephone number, and the address on his business card is also false.

Trading Standards are advising the public not to agree to this type of work to be done if anyone unexpectedly arrives at their homes or business premises.

This latest scare comes just days after Carl Anscombe, of Amherst Gardens, Hastings, was sent to prison for more than seven years.

He was found guilty of conning £86,990 from an 84-year-old man from Maidstone.

Cold calling control zones have been set up around the town to stop bogus callers taking

advantage of vulnerable home owners.

There are six zones in Maidstone created by Kent Trading Standards, Maidstone Borough Council and various Neighbourhood Watch teams.

The latest zone, which covers Pine Lodge and Tonbridge Road included the nominated neighbour scheme, where a nervous resident can direct cold callers to a more able local resident to check identification and credentials.

Neighbourhood Liaison Officer Lorraine Hemphrey said: "The whole point of it is to educate people and to make them feel confident about dealing with unknown callers.

"We now get calls about bogus callers operating in the area before they have had to chance to con anyone out of their money. We can then send out officers to challenge them."

Anyone concerned can ring Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 for the list of trusted traders on the Buy With Confidence good trader scheme or visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk to find a trader in your area. Please report similar incidents to Trading Standards via Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Hotel team boosts heroes charity

SUPPORTERS of the Help for Heroes charity have clubbed together at a hotel in Maidstone to raise thousand of pounds.

Employees of the Village Hotel raised a staggering £4,300 for the charity this year, adding to the £13,000 they raised last year.

The team, pictured right, prepared a four-course meal and laid on entertainment at the Forstal Road venue for 250 people including a number of local soldiers.

Veronica Kingham, from the hotel, was delighted with the amount raised.

She said: "It was fabulous. We are still waiting for a total as donations are still coming in.

"We had Steve Craddock, leader of Help for Heroes in Kent, come in to open the event. It all went really well."



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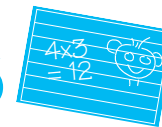
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BREAK TIME

Adding Goss finish to local flavours

A TOP Michelin-listed chef will visit catering students at a Maidstone college next month.

Scott Goss, head chef at West Malling's The Swan restaurant, will team up with students at MidKent College to create quality meals using local produce.

The connoisseur, whose brasserie was one of 18 restaurants which appeared on TV chef Gordon Ramsay's The F Word in 2009, is coming back to the college for the second time.

Goss worked alongside students in the college's pupil-run Apprentice restaurant in March, last year.

And now he is ready to give students more pointers as well as creating world class dishes for local people to savour.

He said: "I'm keen to give Kent's promising young chefs a chance to experience life in a top kitchen and MidKent College was first on my list. Last time the students were fantastic, really enthusiastic. I was very impressed."

The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, where Goss will design and prepare a menu using only local foodstuffs.

The cost will be £25 per person, including a complimentary glass of wine.

Bookings can be made by calling the restaurant on 01622 625873 or 01622 625839.



TASTEFUL: Scott Goss

BBC listens as students are pitched into the den

■ BY JOE BILL

BROADCAST media students from Maidstone had the chance to propose programme ideas to BBC chiefs in a Dragons' Den-style pitch.

Students from the University of Creative Arts presented documentary ideas to Lynda Bell, series editor of BBC One's Inside Out.

Each student was given ten minutes to present their idea and then answer comeback questions from Ms Bell.

Fantastic

Student Will Tippet said: "Pitching to a BBC commissioning editor was a nerve-racking but fantastic opportunity for us. It felt like going into the Dragons' Den but the feedback and insight into the broadcast media industry we received was invaluable."

To complete the exercise, three of the pitches were commissioned and will be put into production during the autumn term.

Course leader Christopher Hunt said: "Having students pitch ideas to producers from the broadcast industry took things up a level."

"This experience gives the students a foretaste of the professionalism the industry expects and also generates a real sense of excitement and good things follow from that."

The completed documentaries will be screened to an audience of industry insiders in December.



PITCH PERFECT: UCA students propose their programme ideas in a Dragons' Den-style presentation

The foundation degree broadcast media students based at Maidstone have access to modern television studios to produce their shows and, on completion of the course, can progress to take on a full degree in the discipline.

Broadcast media lecturer Simon Welsford said: "This is a unique project and the work that comes from it promises to be very exciting indeed."

Youngsters on the course study their future trade at the county's renowned Maidstone Studios.

There are still places available on the foundation degree broadcast media course, which starts in January, 2011. The closing date for applications is January 15. Visit www.ucreative.ac.uk/opendays for more information.



ON CAMERA: Students at work on Maidstone Studios

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91% of parking fines overturned

■ BY MARIJKE COX

HUNDREDS of parking fines issued by "ticket-happy" town halls for petty infringements are being overturned by independent traffic adjudicators.

Figures released by the Traffic Penalty Tribunal Adjudication Service showed in some areas of Kent and Medway up to 91 per cent of drivers contesting Penalty Charge Notices were successful in 2008-09.

The traffic tribunal looks at cases where drivers have received a parking ticket and contested it with the council and lost.

Motorists are then able to appeal to the tribunal where independent lawyers consider the evidence and decide whether the charge should be upheld.

Areas with the highest number of tickets

overturned in 2008-09 included Medway, where 91 per cent of cases – 328 of the 360 cases – were dropped and the motorist let off.

In Maidstone, 114 of 126 cases – 90 per cent – saw drivers win their appeals, and in Gravesham, 66 per cent – 56 out of 85 – were successful.

In Sevenoaks, although only 20 cases were referred to the independent adjudicators, 19 of them were overturned.

Ian Taylor, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said there were some draconian councils that were taking the matter too far.

"Some councils are being very ticket-happy and this shows with the number being overturned," he said.

A Medway Council spokesman argued that the parking measures supported the authority's pledge to reduce congestion and make the

area's roads safer to use.

"The vast majority of parking restrictions have been asked for by Medway residents, schools or traders, who are concerned about illegal and inconsiderate parking and their associated safety issues."

Figures for Medway showed in 231 cases of the 360, the council failed to contest the appeal once it went to the traffic tribunal.

The spokesman said: "Medway Council take any mitigating circumstances provided by the motorist into serious consideration, which has had an impact on the number of tickets that are not contested."

"We have also been much more lenient as we were the first authority to use CCTV enforcement outside London and understood that residents would need some time to adjust to this."



ENFORCEMENT: A council CCTV car



Trekker: Archant KOS Media's Paul Stannard in Peru

News boss treks Peru for charity

THE Peruvian adventure is well underway for Archant KOS Media boss Paul Stannard as he begins his trek of one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.

The 46-year-old, who will be spending nine days in some of the most demanding conditions with some of the most dangerous species of animal in the world, flew out to Peru on Saturday with his group of intrepid explorers.

Mr Stannard, managing director of the publisher of this newspaper, will trek the famous Inca trail to Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas, before being dropped in the Amazon jungle to live alongside the local wildlife for four days.

The trip is in aid of Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, a charity sending sick and deprived children on holiday, and Demelza House, a children's hospice in Sittingbourne providing end-of-life care.

Donation

Mr Stannard funded the trip himself so every penny raised will go to the charities.

Speaking ahead of his trek, he said: "Whatever challenges I face can't be compared to what those poor kids are going through. I've seen what Dave Lee and Demelza do. I feel it's the least I can do to give something back."

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Agency just don't understand problem

The number of actual accidents is probably 50 per cent more than the Highways Agency admit or include in their mind-numbing report.

I recently sent a letter to the director of Kent Highways outlining the near misses and fundamental faults with the traffic management system on the A249, between the M2 and M20.

My letter was basically ignored, but I did get a basic public service reply which stated ridiculous things such as a convex mirror cannot be fixed because it needs maintaining.

I also received a copy of a 120-page report commissioned by the agency into safety on the A249.

The report itself was an absolute joke and probably one of the most un-user-friendly documents I have ever seen. I would like to know how much the taxpayer paid for it.

It managed to give the same pointless statistics in about seven different ways. It did not appear to address the most dangerous aspects of the A249 which was homeowner's safe access/egress, lorries in the lay-bys, and speeding (although I think the speeding section was in an appendix).

It seemed to focus on the crossovers. It also did not address the illogical fact that there is a 50mph speed limit under Jade's crossing and for a few hundred metres after it. Then there is a national speed limit sign which encourages drivers to speed up on the downhill section for about 400m until they realise they need to slam on the brakes when they hit the chevrons to slow down for the roundabout.

I wonder if they included the number of jackknifed lorries on the roundabout itself?

From what I understand the agency has not implemented most of the significant recommendations, but have painted some lines and improved the cats eyes. A typical easy option which is like putting a plaster on a gushing wound.

A concerned Detling resident, by email

Festive cheer from thought of panto

I cannot wait for the Maidstone panto this year.

I went to see Jack and the Beanstalk starring Jake from Hollyoaks two years ago and it was the best I have been to in years.

It was fun for both kids and adults without having too many innuendos as can happen with entertainment shows that

yourblogger

Our Simon Robinson covers up his youthful good looks and adopts the 'gringo' look for charity...



Paying lip service to 'Movember' movement

NEXT month hundreds of thousands of men will set their facial hair free for charity.

The four-week Movember fundraiser, which takes its name from the fusion of 'Mo', a slang term for moustache, and November, the month, will see the oft-ridiculed 'tache make a rousing comeback on the top lips of proud participants around the world.

And not a moment too soon, either. For the moustache is at real risk of going into extinction.

The disgraceful descent of the top lip turf began in the 90s and has seen thousands of moustache-wearing men axe their wirey whiskers.

Sadly, these days the noble moustache is misunderstood and utterly underrepresented.

But it wasn't always the case. The heady days of the 80s saw bigshots such as Tom Selleck and Des Lynam champion the cause.

Liverpool FC legend Mark Lawrenson was one of a plethora of football pros who rocked a thick 'tache throughout the decade.

Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott, Chris Kamara, Ruud Gullit and David Seaman were also in the under-nose combing club.

Now Lawrenson, retired, 'tacheless and redundant, is reduced to a role of 'smug know-it-all pundit' (read

git) on Match of the Day. It could have all been very different had you maintained the moustache, Lawro. So where did it all go wrong?

I blame the rise of male grooming in the 90s. Clean-cut celebrities like David Beckham promoted a waxed, moisturising metrosexual image of man.

This hair-gelled, Lynx reeking ideal all but ended the glorious golden era of the moustache.

But thanks to the rise of the Movember movement, the 'tache is making a comeback, albeit for only 30 days a year.

Last year, more than 250,000 entrants across the globe took part in the charity event, raising £26 million for various cancer charities.

November 2010 looks like drawing more moustache-missing men to the cause.

So you can expect to see 'taches wherever you turn.

Your bank manager could be sporting the 'handlebar'. Your bus driver could opt for the 'gringo'.

Admittedly, the 'Hitler' is less likely to make a resurgence, but every movement – including the moustache – is allowed a blot on its copy book, surely?

I am proud to say that I will be among the Movember fundraisers and have already committed to a somewhat unkempt moustached 'look', which my loved ones despise. To sponsor me please visit www.justgiving.com/KOSmovember.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, **Simon Robinson**, on 01303 817185 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Maidstone blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

try to cater for both.

Some of the special effects made it as good as going to the cinema and the Hazlitt seems to encourage a really good atmosphere.

I am not a fan of Emmerdale or most other soaps, but EastEnders is always on in our house so it will be great to see someone live on stage that we recognise (Melissa Suffield aka Lucy Beale) from on screen.

I know my kids will love it; hopefully all the shouting of 'behind you' will wear them out before Christmas. I know it is early, but I now feel in the spirit already.

Jane Jones, Maidstone, by email

Unions or bankers – the choice is yours

Martin Clarke (Letters, October 6) must suffer dreadfully having had his holiday plans wrecked by the unions. How often, may I ask?

He rather underestimates the damage done by Labour – they seem to have wrecked the economies of almost all the world's nations.

To be 'ruled by unions' may not be the choice of everybody, even though their bosses are democratically elected by the membership, ordinary people, including many who have had the benefit of free tertiary education, thereby attaining professional qualifications and the salaries that go with them.

I belong to one such union,

composed of engineers, scientists, chemists and many others.

Then again, many would not choose to be ruled by the products of Eton and Harrow, where money bought them an easy passage through university into bonus-bound City jobs, with tax-breaks galore.

Since our choice of rulers is limited, what would people prefer – unions or bankers?

Bill Hyde, by email

A clean solution to this nuclear mess

Mrs Thatcher's privatisation policy caused the energy industry's break-up; before then, the Central Electricity Generating Board had 25 per cent surplus capacity.

Lack of forward planning since, and huge increase in electricity consumption, has (as Mr Farage rightly points out) left us with a problem.

However, nuclear has always formed the most heavily subsidised electricity production. Nuclear fuel (now fast becoming in short supply) has to be imported and it is difficult to extract. Nuclear has a base-load function and not, as Mr Farage claimed, "back-up".

The disposal of radioactive and contaminated waste is un-resolved, and has never been fully costed.

Nuclear, with its extreme operating temperatures and pressures, is inherently dangerous; why else were all the AGR reactors

sited as remotely as possible?

Dungeness and the Romney Marsh area were very sparsely populated prior to the coming of the power stations.

Being so low-lying, inhabitants are right to be concerned about global-warming.

History shows it to have been vulnerable to storms in the past.

We have been very slow to tackle our energy crisis and to take advantage of our wealth of natural resources: all of which are clean.

They have no transport costs, no storage problems and do not present a potential danger.

A third 'C' station might create a few more jobs, but green energy and self-sufficiency are likely to produce more.

And, one can't have vulnerable nuclear power stations adjacent to an international airport.

Ted Prangnell, by email

Farage reacting in entirely wrong way

When I said in a TV debate with Nigel Farage the UK has the best offshore wind resources of any country in Europe and that there was no reason why these should not be exploited, he had no answer.

Since a leaked government report indicates Dungeness is being dropped from the Government's preferred list of nuclear sites, Mr Farage's promotion of a Dungeness C station has already failed.

But there is a more serious

problem in the claims made in his letter. Wind farms obtain money from government when they are operating, not before.

The major energy companies have told the Government they want it to pay for new nuclear power stations – the Government has refused.

So even if the Dungeness site were selected for a new nuclear power station apparently no-one wishes to pay for it to be built.

Wind farms like the new one off Thanet and the proposed London Array will create jobs, but the efficiency of the technology means there will be very few of them.

However, if we had a national programme of improving insulation for all buildings and installing microgeneration technologies (solar water heating/solar PV panels) on homes and buildings this would generate employment in every district in Kent and indeed in the UK as a whole.

If Mr Farage is serious about obtaining more employment in the energy sector then why has he failed to advocate energy efficiency and safe, renewable energy technologies – preferring instead the polluting, costly and problematic coal and nuclear options?

And nuclear is more expensive than any other energy technology because nuclear waste has to be stored for up to 250,000 years.

**Steve Dawe, press officer
Kent Green Party, by email**

Help keep memory of the 'Few' alive

Your story in last week's Yourmaidstone highlighted the chart success of the Reach for the Skies album, released to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

This well-deserved success by the Central Band of the RAF highlights the amazing public response to the events this summer that have commemorated the heroism and bravery of the men and women who defended these shores in 1940.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, which looks after the memorial at Capel-le-Ferne, near Folkestone, wants to make sure their sacrifice is not forgotten when the men known as Churchill's 'Few' are no longer with us.

To do that, the Trust has drawn up plans for an education and visitor centre to be built at the site so that future generations will be able to get a taste of what it was like to have fought in arguably the most important battle of the 20th century.

These veterans will not be around forever. Their memories can live on at Capel-le-Ferne, but only with the help of your readers and others in raising the £650,000 needed for this new education centre.

To help, please send a cheque payable to: The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust to PO Box 337, West Malling, ME6 9AA.

Alternatively, donate on line via the Trust's website at www.battleofbritainmemorial.org

**Richard Hunting CBE, chairman
Battle of Britain Memorial Trust**

Book sheds eerie light on county's sinister history

■ BY MARIJKE COX

AS A self-proclaimed monster hunter scouring the county for wild big cats, it's not surprising Neil Arnold has taken on something equally as sinister.

And as with his wild cat research, the 35-year-old's new project is just as likely to come under the scrutiny of sceptics unwilling to believe there is anything mystical out there.

But Mr Arnold, who is an author and full-time researcher on large, exotic big cats in the wild, said his new book, *Paranormal Kent*, is different from the "friend of a friend" tales usually associated with mythical stories.

"There are so many books where the stories are just regurgitated so someone can make a

quick buck," he said. "Everyone's heard the ghost stories of Kent, but after 30 years or so they become a bit stagnant."

"I wanted to look into the history of some of these places, like Blue Bell Hill, with its phantom hitchhiker, but write about things people hadn't heard of."

Mr Arnold, from Rochester, said his book throws light on classic ghostly tales, of some of the most haunted areas of Kent, while revealing new stories.

"Blue Bell Hill is, I believe, the most haunted place in Britain," he said.

"For years there were reports of people picking up a girl in their car and she would then disappear from the back seat."

"There were also reports of people knocking a girl down and she would then disappear."

"In 1965 there was a crash on Blue Bell Hill. There were four women in the car and three died – one of whom was a bride-to-be and people thought it was her."

"But the first report of seeing her goes back to 1934."

"After doing some research I found out a girl was murdered in 1916 and I believe it was her people were seeing."

"The ghost of an old hag has also been reported on Blue Bell Hill."

"All the reports – there are about 20 to 30 – seem genuine. People had genuine shocked reactions when recalling stories."

Mr Arnold said people in Pluckley, which is believed to be Britain's most haunted village, still don't know all the eerie tales.

"I've shed new light on the mysteries of this village," he said. "Whether a believer or not, there is so much history that there is definitely something mystical going on."

"For centuries Kent has been the centre of high strangeness, from monsters in the woods, weird objects in the skies, serpents in the water and ghosts on the road."

Mr Arnold said his book also includes tales of eerie creatures such as the winged 'moth-man' in Hythe in the 1960s to serpents and dragons.

• *Paranormal Kent*, £9.99, is available from www.amazon.co.uk/Paranormal-Kent-Neil-Arnold/dp/0752455907.



MOST HAUNTED? Blue Bell Hill between Maidstone and Chatham has been the scene of many apparitions

Chronic pain harder to deal with in some areas

PATIENTS suffering from chronic pain conditions have been warned they face discrimination depending on what side of the county they live.

While those in the east of Kent have access to a range of services close to their homes, those in the west are often required to travel miles to receive the help they need.

The matter was discussed at last week's meeting of Kent County Council's health overview and scrutiny committee, when it was revealed that some NHS West Kent patients have to access services as far away as the UCL hospital in central London.

Neither Maidstone Hospital nor Darent Valley Hospital has any facilities for dealing with chronic pain, whereas all three of NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent's main hospitals provide some sort of service, in addition to several other smaller clinics.

Lib Dem councillor Dan Daley (Maidstone Central) told the meeting: "The difference between the delivery in the east and west shows up more of a discrimination for the population because the numbers of pain opportunities in east Kent are many, whereas in west Kent they are few."

"There's nothing for people in Maidstone yet we've had promise after promise and I'm disappointed it's still under discussion."

Sufferers of chronic pain in Maidstone have the option of attending clinics at Sevenoaks Hospital or Pembury Hospital in Tunbridge Wells, but Cllr Daley said both were still too far away for people in agony to travel to.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is undertaking a detailed audit to determine the potential level of demand for a more local pain management programme.

Cllr Daley added: "I've recently had need to become involved in pain management and have had to make frequent trips to Guy's Hospital (in south east London), and I don't think that's a very good idea."

"If NHS West Kent can't do better than this, and much more quickly than this, then I think it's very sad."

According to the Chief Medical Officer's report of 2008, surveys show chronic pain – including severe headaches, back problems and arthritis – is two or three times more common now than it was 40 years ago.

There are 7.8 million people in the UK living with chronic pain, with three in 10 Kent residents having experienced it in the last year.

Dr Jon Norman, a consultant anaesthetist and pain medicine specialist at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, revealed there will be no room for a chronic pain clinic at Maidstone until July next year at the earliest.

He added that while there was a lack of facilities in some parts of the west of the county, patients still have access to a good service and waiting times have been reduced.

He told Cllr Daley: "We want to continue moving in the right direction but there are no guarantees about funding. It's very easy to sit there and tell me something needs to be done, but someone needs to give us the investment."

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Calling all Kent young chefs ...

ASPIRING young chefs will be tempting taste buds as they compete in the Kent Young Chef Award 2010.



JULIE MONKMAN

Organised by Produced in Kent, the competition gives secondary school students the chance to flex their culinary muscles.

By designing a main course recipe for two people, created from local and seasonal produce, two lucky winners will earn the chance to cook at a very special event. Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said the competition targeted secondary school children in order to capture their imaginations and prompt an early interest in cooking.

"We had a great response last year, with 184 entries from 47 schools," she said. "We felt it

was fantastic for a first year and this year we needed to find a way to make it bigger and better. Because of the success of the first event, we've got more sponsors on board, which is good. It has meant we are able to do a bit more in terms of prizes and our ability to promote the contest through more channels."

A winner will be chosen from each age group – years seven to eight and years nine to 11 – and the two victors will have the chance to help design the menu for a charity dinner, to be held in January in aid of Kent Air Ambulance. They will also cook on the night, alongside Claire Wood, head chef at Woods Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells, one of the award's sponsors.

"We think it's a fantastic idea and a great prize for two winners to get involved to that extent. It's an example of how we've developed the competition," Ms Monkman said.

"We decided to add a little incentive, because

what we really need to make it successful is for teachers to get on board. We found that last year, when teachers got involved, we got really great entries and teachers came along to the final cook-off. The school that submits the most entries will get two tickets for the charity dinner."

Although interest in healthy eating and the provenance of food have increased, Produced in Kent is still keen to promote the message that buying locally and seasonally is best.

"Supermarkets have created a situation where people can get hold of whatever they want at any time of year, even strawberries in winter. Supermarkets will say they are meeting demand, but we say let's go back to eating locally and seasonally."

Entries for the Kent Young Chef Award must be received before Friday, October 29. Entry forms, recipe criteria and rules can be found online at www.producedinkent.co.uk.

Tuition fee hikes 'risk generation of wasted talent'

REMOVING the cap on university tuition fees could "create a generation of wasted talent" and push out students from middle-class families.

Representatives at some of the county's universities said they were shocked at Lord Browne's report, which proposed radical reform of the system, and said the right to education needed to be protected. Plans include abolishing the £3,290 a year cap on tuition fees, which could lead to top universities charging up to £20,000 a year.

Despite recommendations by Lord Browne that a levy be paid by those who charge more than £6,000, Lauren Crowley, vice-president (Education) of Kent



LAUREN CROWLEY

Union, the student voice for the University of Kent, said this will not stop some putting up fees.

"Oxbridge and the Russell Group universities will put their fees up to the top end of the scale," she said. "Kent will have to make changes to keep up its reputation."

"If changes come in students will be leaving university with at least £35,000 debt in top institutions," she said. "At the moment the average is £20,000-25,000. The middle classes are the ones who would be hit."

"Poorer families are quite well looked after, but students from middle-class backgrounds are £5,000 more in debt."

She said Kent students would be joining the National Union of Students (NUS) and the University and College Union (UCU) for a national Fund Our Future demonstration on November 10.

Written off

Other recommendations are for the interest rate on loans, which is currently 1.5 per cent, to rise to inflation plus 2.2 per cent; that all students are eligible for flat-rate living-cost loans of £3,750; and unpaid students debts are written off after 30 years instead of 25.

Another proposal is that students would not start repaying their debt until their earnings reached £21,000, instead of the current £15,000.

If Government accepts the recommendations they could be introduced from 2012.

Professor Jan Druker, senior pro-vice-chancellor of Canterbury Christ Church University, said it would be hard to avoid increasing fees if the review removes most of the teaching fund, as expected.

"A rise from £3,290 a year to £6,000 is likely to hit families very hard," she said. "We have encouraged students who may not have traditionally had the opportunity or confidence to continue onto higher education to realise their dreams. A rise in fees may be a deterrent to those students."

Prof Elaine Thomas, vice-chancellor of the University of the Creative Arts, which has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester, said UCA had mixed views.

"In the current economic climate, a review of higher education funding is necessary and raising tuition fees represents the best way forward," she said.

"However, we must make certain that the increased cost to students and families does not stop talented people from going to university."

"Mechanisms must be put in place to enable students to study at the institution of their choice, otherwise I fear we could create a generation of wasted talent."

Vice-chancellor of the University of Kent, Prof Dame Julia Goodfellow, said increased graduate contribution was inevitable: "The prices have to be seen in the light of expected massive cuts in the teaching grant to universities which subsidise students."



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DAY & NIGHT

TV psychic at theatre

PSYCHIC medium Tony Stockwell will be attempting to communicate with the spirit world in Medway this weekend.

Renowned for the accuracy of his messages, the TV personality can be seen at the Brook Theatre, Chatham, on Saturday. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50. Book at www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk or call 01634 338338.

Castle's Tudor lessons

HAVE a close shave with a barber surgeon when Upnor Castle in Medway hosts a Tudor event on Saturday.

From fashion to the royal confectioner, visitors can learn about Tudor life.

The event runs from 11am to 4pm and admission costs £5/£3.50 or £13.50 for families of four. To find out more call 01634 718742.

Monsters of the deep

DISCOVER myths and monsters at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham at half-term.

To celebrate Halloween, the attraction invites visitors to learn about the maritime monsters that have always intrigued seafarers. The event runs from Saturday to Halloween. Details at www.thedockyard.co.uk.

Pizza comes with salsa

STRONG Latin rhythms will flow through the Pizza Express Music Room in Maidstone on Friday.

Jazz salsa group Heads South has recently released its debut album, Record Flight, to critical acclaim.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £11. To book call 0845 6027017 or visit www.pizzaexpresslive.com.

Pedalo Fred at Tavern

LOCAL indie rock band Pedalo Fred are at the Beacon Court Tavern in Gillingham on Thursday.

The headline act will be Redtrack, who appeared on T4 Hollyoaks Music Show. Stereo Decade complete the line-up.

The music starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5. To find out more about Pedalo Fred visit www.myspace.com/pedalofred.

Doing it for themselves

CHILDREN can find out how to do it themselves at B&Q's classes this month.

The Gillingham store will show young people how to make a bird apple feeder this weekend, a magazine store box next weekend, and a mug tree the following week.

To book a place call 0845 600 5428 or visit www.diy.com/kidscandoitclasses.

Stars in your eyes

ENJOY a double bill of tributes to iconic artists when Bob Drury presents his new one-man show.

The first half is a tribute to Neil Diamond, followed by a celebration of the Rat Pack era.

The show is at Sittingbourne's Avenue Theatre at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £8.50/£7.50, call 01795 471140.



Get in the spirit of Halloween

HALLOWEEN FUN

Various dates

Various venues.

WITH Halloween approaching, there is plenty of spooky fun going at attractions across Kent next week.

Boasting 900 years of history, Leeds Castle is the perfect place to enjoy a spine-tingling atmosphere and take part in some creepy craft activities. Young visitors will have the opportunity to create some Halloween horrors in the craft marquee near the maze, where they can let their imaginations run wild as they work on their terrifying outfits.

Whether they want to make a macabre mask or a wicked witch's hat, they will be able to make their own monstrous disguises for an extra charge of £1.50.

Witness the magic of nature when beautiful birds of prey take flight during the free World of Wings flying displays. Visitors can also enjoy getting lost in the yew maze, as they try to find their way to the underground grotto where they will encounter mythical beasts.

With their imaginations well and truly fired up by all the frightful Halloween fun, youngsters can let off steam and imagine their own magical scenarios at the Knights' Realm playground.

The Halloween events at Leeds Castle run from Saturday to next Friday. Admission costs £17.50/£15 for adults and £10 for children aged over four. Tickets are valid for 12 months and include entry to the castle's ongoing programme of events. To find out more call 01622 765400 or go to www.leeds-castle.com/events.

Ghost hunters can get into the spirit of Halloween at Kent Life in Maidstone, where lots of terrifying treats lie in wait. From this Saturday until Halloween, visitors can bring their children to a fun and safe place to go trick-or-treating. Young ghouls can make their way around the period homes at Kent Life, knocking on the doors and meeting the characters who lurk behind them.

Those who are brave enough to embark on the terrifying trail can seek out the 13 wooden ghosts, earning themselves a tasty treat. Prizes will be on offer daily for the most impressive fancy dress outfits and children can have their faces painted as wicked witches, scary skeletons or frightening monsters.

Conquer your fears by meeting little monsters in the Creepy Cuddly Cuddle Corner workshops, where phobia-inducing animals like spiders and rodents will be waiting to make new friends among the visitors.

On the Halloween weekend, one of the most famous ghost hunters of all will be making a personal appearance. Scooby Doo makes his first appearance at Kent Life and will be venturing out to meet visitors at intervals throughout the weekend.

Kent Life is open from 10am to 5pm and tickets cost £8.50/£7.50 for adults and £6.50 for children aged four to 15. For more information call 01622 763936 or go online at www.museum-kentlife.co.uk.

Terrifying tales can be enjoyed at the Hop Farm at Paddock Wood throughout the half term week, where the Big Top plays hosts to some entertaining storytelling sessions. There will also be party dances and magic to enjoy, along with the chance to dress up and marvel at the incredible illusions in the Magic Factory. Visitors can also enjoy the creepy Halloween atmosphere with the haunted wax works tour.

For more information about prices and admission times, visit www.thehopfarm.co.uk or call 01622 872068.





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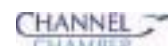


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Thursday, October 21, Pizza Express, Maidstone



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Dunton runs twice-weekly showcases in Tunbridge Wells and this week he returns to Maidstone to give more people the chance to hear talented musicians in action.

The night will include a performance by the host and his orchestral Crew, playing a fusion of classical and contemporary pop.

Pianist and songwriter Mike Orson plays engaging songs in a versatile style, drawing influ-

ences from artists like Elton John, Ben Folds and Tori Amos. Next on the bill is the acoustic folk trio WakeUp Tom, which adds melodic pop sensibilities.

The headline act will be Violet Jive, a highly popular band which blends 50s jazz, swing, alternative rock and Latin grooves to brilliant effect.

Offering a broad range of music to suit most tastes, Paul Dunton and Guests is a great way to discover unsigned local talent. Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £7. To book call 0845 602 7017 or go online at www.pizzaexpresslive.com.



THE HENRY VIII SHOW

Saturday, October 23, Memorial Hall, Lower Halstow



ONE of history's most colourful characters comes to life in a thrilling show from On The Other Hand Puppet Theatre Company.

With plenty of drama and comedy to entertain audiences of all ages, the captivating show tells the famous king's story in his own words.

Museum curator Ken is setting out a display ahead of a lecture on the Tudor era when a phone call informs him that the lecturer has been delayed.

Faced with the task of entertaining the audience until the speaker arrives, Ken tries to

impart interesting facts about the artefacts in front of him.

One of the objects is a hat that belonged to Wil Somers, the King's jester, but when Ken tries it on, King Henry VIII comes crashing back into the present. Haunted by the ghosts of his queens and courtiers and even his dog, the King reveals what it was like to rule in Tudor England.

The show starts at 3pm and tickets cost £4 each or £20 for groups of six.

To book call 01795 843681/842419 or email cpc@claxfield.co.uk.

BLAZE

Monday, October 25, and Tuesday, October 26, Orchard Theatre, Dartford



STREETDANCE sets the stage alight when a sizzling new production comes to Kent next week.

Featuring two finalists from BBC talent show, So You Think You Can Dance, Blaze is a high-energy show that blends the cool vibe of a nightclub with the gloss of a West End production. Bursting with world-class DJs, B-Boys and streetdancers, Blaze demonstrates why streetdance is enjoying such a surge of interest.

Tommy Franzén and Lizzie Gough made a big impression on So You Think You Can Dance and they are joined onstage by Lil' Steph of B-Boy crew Flying Steps, American DJ Hazze, from Zulu Nation, and three of the world's most outstanding breakers – Nequin from Brasil, Mouse from the UK and Machine from the US.

Choreography is provided by Anthony van Laast, who worked on Mamma Mia! and Sister Act, along with Ryan Chappell, Lyle Beniga, Mike Song, Chris Baldock and Kenny Wormald.

The show starts at 7.30pm both days and also at 2.30pm on Tuesday. Tickets are priced from £18.50 to £24.50. Book at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01322 220000.



TAMARA YOUNG

Sunday, October 24, St Peter and Paul Parish Church, Headcorn



HARPIST Tamara Young is hoping to attract donations to fund her studies by giving a free concert this weekend.

Born in Maidstone, Young graduated from Trinity College of Music with first class honours and is now studying towards her Masters degree. But with tuition fees of £13,000, Young needs to play for the privilege of continuing her education.

Winner of the John Marson Prize for outstanding harpist in 2009, Young has given many solo and chamber music recitals both in this country and abroad. She has played with many orchestras including Southbank Sinfonia at the Royal Opera House, Young Musician Symphony Orchestra and Bromley Symphony Orchestra.

Young loves to explore all sorts of musical genres and she has even performed at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club with the late Sir John Dankworth. But she has a particularly fondness for opera and has recently finished performing Albert Herring, conducted by Steuart Bedford, along with her second season with Opera de Baugé in France.

Admission is free and a collection will be taken at the end of the concert.



CIRCUS OF LIGHT

Monday, October 25 to Saturday, October 30 Dickens World, Chatham



JOIN some of Charles Dickens' best-loved characters as the spectacular Circus of Light returns to Chatham.

Billed as the Time Traveller's Guide to 1850, the captivating show was created especially for Dickens World and it features some of the most memorable and popular figures from his timeless stories. The family-friendly circus show is a thrilling spectacle for audiences of all ages, while also putting a new spin on the characters.

The audience's guide is Mr Sleary, the lisping ringmaster from Hard Times who takes spectators on an exhilarating journey through Dickens' world. With fire, magic and illusion, the show also features a tightrope walker and an aerial performance to keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

There will also be a clown to provide plenty of laughter as the entertaining and exciting production unfolds at the Britannia Theatre.

The Circus of Light will be performed at 3.30pm daily. Tickets cost £15 for adults or £10 for children, including entry to Dickens World, or £12.50/£7.50 for the circus only. To book visit Porters or Dickens World reception or go to www.dickensworld.co.uk.



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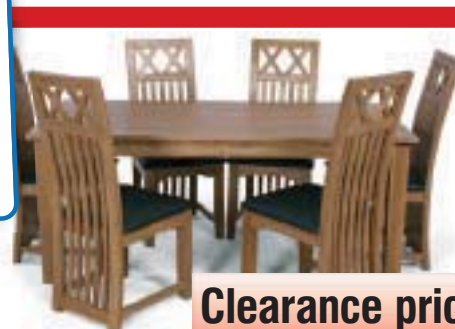
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STEVE LOADER

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Giant shopping mall Bluewater could be worth around £1.7 billion according to the price tag on a 75 per cent stake being offered for sale.

Hermes Real Estate, a long-running but minority shareholder in the project since it opened ten years ago, is selling its holding valued at £120 million after deciding to re-balance its property portfolio at a time when the Kent site is regularly outperforming a depressed retail sector.

FORMER brewing giant Whitbread – now better known for its restaurants to hotels portfolio – will open a new £1.3 million Premier Inn hotel in Rainham High Street on November 1.

The new site alongside Whitbread's existing Manor Farm Beefeater Grill, will offer 26 bedrooms from £58 per night and has created 15 new jobs across housekeeping and reception.

ONE man band businesses must not be spooked as the Halloween deadline looms for filing paper Self Assessment tax returns.

That's the advice from the South East Society of Chartered Accountants, which points out that the tax man will only apply penalties – starting with an automatic £100 – and mounting interest charges for the year ending April 5, 2010, if they still subsequently file a paper return. However, an electronic online return buys a further 'three months' leeway to January 31.

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KRBS is aiming to pour all its savings into One

BY STEVE LOADER

ONE of Britain's oldest surviving building societies is set to disappear in a merger to create a new banking force, OneSavings.

Kent Reliance (KRBS) can trace its roots back to 1847 and is a rare example of the nation's once thriving mutual (member-owned) sector, but now aims to pool its £2.2 billion assets with American private equity firm JC Flowers, which will invest £50 million and gain a 40 per cent stake in the new bank.

Approval

The motivation for KRBS – ranked 11th in the UK by asset value – stems from the Northern Rock crash in 2007, which made it harder for traditional mutual societies to raise or attract cash to build their businesses.

City experts believe JC Flowers aims to use this situation to woo other small societies to build OneSavings and challenge traditional banking players Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds TSB and RBS NatWest and the increasingly powerful Spanish-owned Santander.

The conviction gathered strength with the American firm's recent hiring of the former head of the UK's fourth biggest building society, the Skipton.

John Goodfellow ran the Yorkshire society for 17 years and says he is acting as an advisor on the mutual sector, while strenuously denying his former employer is in the US firm's sights.

JC Flowers' founder Christopher Flowers – a former partner in American banking and finance firm Goldman Sachs – made abortive moves on Northern Rock, Friends Provident, and Bradford and Bingley, before succeeding with KRBS.

But the plans must still be ratified by the Financial Services Authority and, more importantly in this instance, gain approval from 75 per cent of Kent Reliance savers and borrowers under the old mutual society structure.

Members will be balloted and the result announced at a special meeting of the society on November 19. A 'yes' vote will allow the new bank to be created in February, 2011.

Member reaction has been muted since the proposals were released in August and it is likely that dissent will be mollified by breaking news this week that the JC Flowers' stake had been cut from 49 to 40 per cent and confirmation that KRBS would retain control.

But the biggest hurdle is likely to be that, unlike the rash of building society demutualisations in the 1990s, no windfall payments are being tabled to entice members to agree to this scheme.

'Liabilities'

KRBS has some 180,000 members and 45 staff and has been one of the fastest-growing building societies in the country over the past decade, while slashing overheads.

Fourteen outlets have been cut to eight and only two are now full branches – Chatham and Hempstead – with CEO Mike Lazenby happy to brand traditional branches as "liabilities".

As it has pruned profile on Kent high streets, KRBS has sought it elsewhere through sponsorship of football clubs Gillingham, Charlton Athletic and Whitstable Town.

BUSINESSWEEKLive

...timed to make sense of the spending review

BUSINESSES in Kent have mixed emotions ahead of today's Comprehensive Spending Review by the Government – relief that the UK debt mountain is being tackled, but fears for confidence, trade and jobs.

And there will be many questions and challenges raised – ones that Business Week Live (BWL) aims to answer on Wednesday, November 10, in three weeks time.

Billed as an essential event for business owners, entrepreneurs and managers, BWL has been created by Archant KOS Media.

Delegates and visitors already registered include MDs, CEOs, FDs and many other directors and managers from all business sectors, representing companies from SMEs to larger private and public organisations and agencies.

Archant KOS Media commercial director Christine Davidson said: "The appeal is BWL's offer of true value to attendees at a crucial time in their planning process; post CSR and prior to the crunch year of 2011 – everyone and their businesses needs to know where the opportunities will be.

"In addition to sourcing suppliers and partners, visitors will get free access to a conference programme and workshop of more than 20 speakers. All delegates attending the inspirational manager session presented by Neil Annis will walk away with access to more than £2,500 of training resource.

And Kent Business School is providing a free Business Clinic during the show.

Companies can book a 30-minute slot with a clinic team comprising MBA (Master of Business Administration) students, MBA alumni and MBA academics.

MBA students have an average of ten years' management experience here and abroad: "No hard-pressed firm can really pass up on the chance of brainstorming their company problems with such experts when just one good tip could save their company," said Davidson.

Other hot topics include:

• **Getting investment:** hear Phil Bevean, portfolio director for the Kent and Medway Innovation Team, and Liz Dolding, partner and commercial legal expert from Warners Solicitors, tell you how to turn your ideas into profitable business.

• **Going digital:** apps, stats, vids, mobiles and the web – what does it all mean for business? Come and hear from leading expert Jonnie Jensen, who has more than ten years' experience in the sector with leading companies such as Lycos Europe.

• **Inspirational management:** Neil Annis has more than 20 years' experience in operational management, sales, change management, training & coaching, personal and organisational development.

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• **And join the big debate:** David Cameron launched the 'Big Society' to empower communities to run post offices, libraries, transport services and shape housing projects. What are the implications of this for businesses, and how can they be involved? Come and join

a panel session with leading experts from local business and social enterprise.

Exhibiting companies leading the line-up for Wednesday, November 10 at the County Showground, Detling include BT, East Malling Conference Centre, IPS international, KCC Low Carbon Futures, Kent FA, Kent Science Park, Manston Airport, Medway Safety, NatWest, University of Greenwich, Village Hotels, The Kent Foundation, Circatron and Comcheck.

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Spice up evening with tribute act

■ Lily Spice

THE Lily Spice is a unique Indian restaurant near Sittingbourne where owner Ali Choudary has spent a long time perfecting the surroundings.

The unique interior ensures a visit is especially memorable. In the centre of the restaurant is a pond where diners can watch the soothing motion of the fish as they swim.

Ali has owned Ace of Spice in Gillingham for some time and that eatery has developed an enviable reputation for quality.

He took over Lily Spice in Sittingbourne in October last year.

Ali feels the best people to talk about his restaurant are the customers so Cloe from Stockbury and Ellie from Rainham gave him their views after a chicken cooked in sliced onion, cucumber and tomato and fish tikka.

They complimented the staff on the friendly atmosphere, polite waiters, atmospheric lighting and the food which draw them and their families back time and time again – especially on banquet nights or for a dance on a special musical tribute night.

The girls were keen to give the venue top marks 10-10.

Cabaret and Tribute nights coming up

Thursday October 21 which is Jazz Night, Thursday October 28 is 70s Night with Disco, and on Thursday November 23, it's Frank Sinatra and Micheal Buble.

The popular tribute nights continue from mid November. Due to the demand of these popular events they will be taking place twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday featuring acts such as Elvis, Abba, Freddie Mercury, Micheal Buble, Frank Sinatra and many more.

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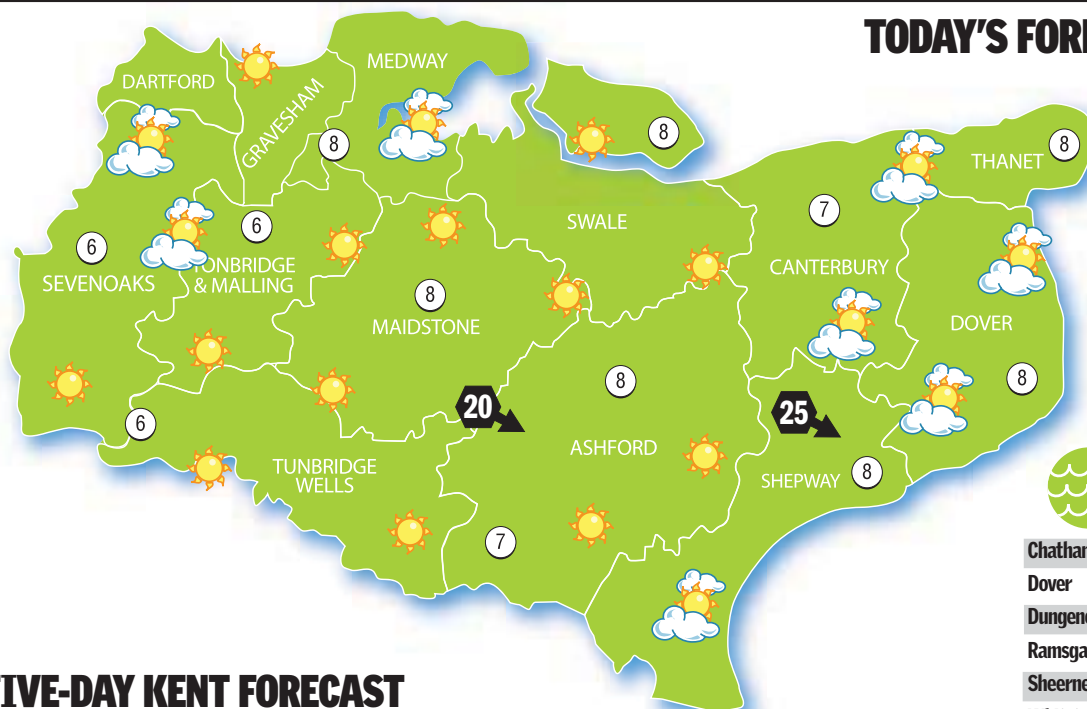
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Beijing	8°C	Rome	16°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	13°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	3°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	14°C



KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Location	Day	Time	Height
Chatham	Saturday	1:40pm	5.9m
Dover	Saturday	11:51am	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:58am	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:21pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:30pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:37pm	5.2m
	Sunday	2:12pm	6.0m
	Sunday	12:18pm	6.5m
	Sunday	12:29pm	7.7m
	Sunday	12:48pm	5.0m
	Sunday	2:02pm	5.7m
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FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Chatham	13°C	10°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
Dartford	13°C	9°C	11°C	13°C	13°C

Dover	12°C	8°C	10°C	12°C	12°C
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Ramsgate	12°C	8°C	10°C	12°C	12°C
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Sevenoaks	11°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	11°C
Sittingbourne	13°C	10°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
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The evening kicks off at 4pm, with a huge bonfire being lit from 6.30pm and a brilliant firework display from 7.30pm.



In addition to a funfair, licensed bar and various refreshment outlets stalls, there will live entertainment from Hullabaloo, who perform a blend of jazz, jive, swing, and an original twist on pop.

The full 20-minute firework display is provided by local company Theatrical Pyrotechnics and will take place in front of Quex Manor House.

Having listened to the feedback of visitors in previous years, organisers Kent Events are hoping to once again raise a 40ft bonfire thanks to the help of sponsors Fuji-Film Sericol who have provided all the materials.

Kent Events co-director Carol Dutton said: "Our third firework event at Quex is set to be bigger and better than before, we are proud to be the providers of what is becoming such a high profile event and would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for helping to make this possible."

Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £5

child (under 13), if purchased in advance, children under 3 are free are available from www.kentevents.org.uk, through www.wherewecanwego.com or locally at The Quex Barn or The Secret Garden. Alternatively, they can be purchased on the night when adults are £7 and under 13s £6.

This year the event will also have a limited number of Landeez All Terrain wheelchairs, these must be booked in advance of the night and secured by a non-refundable deposit of £5, which is donated to the charity to enable the chairs to be maintained.

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Online Face-off falls a little flat as it takes on big-screen status

■ BY DAMON SMITH

ON JULY 21 this year, social networking site Facebook proudly welcomed its 500 millionth user to the online fold.

It's a mind-boggling statistic, even more so when you consider that seven years ago, no-one had heard of the site. Indeed, it didn't exist.

In less than a decade, an idea born in the hallowed corridors of Harvard University has quite literally taken over the world and changed the way we communicate.

As one of the characters in *The Social Network*, David Fincher's expertly crafted film about the creation of the site, quips: "Bosnians – they don't have roads but they have Facebook."

Turbulent

Like all good ideas, the site has made its creators very wealthy, but as Ben Mezrich's book *The Accidental Billionaires* chronicled, the turbulent history of Facebook led to not just one but two lawsuits.

Working from a screenplay by Aaron Sorkin, Fincher employs a fractured chronology to dissect the jealousy and betrayal which underpinned the success of the site.

The *Social Network* opens by introducing central protagonist Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg), a computer nerd whose lack of social skills become apparent as he is deservedly dumped by his girlfriend (Rooney Mara).

In revenge, Mark spews bile in an online blog then creates a crude website called *facemash.com*, which racks up "22,000 hits in two hours" and

brings the nerd to the attention of Divya Narendra (Max Minghella) and the Winklevoss twins (Armie Hammer), who want Mark to program their internal social networking site called *HarvardConnection*.

Soon after, Mark approaches friends Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), Dustin Moskowitz (Joseph Mazzello) and Chris Hughes (Patrick Mapel) with an almost identical idea.

The whole campus excitedly logs on and the friends expand to Stanford and eventually across the Atlantic, before Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake), the entrepreneur behind *Napster*, becomes involved and offers Mark his advice.

"Drop the 'The'. Just Facebook. It's cleaner."

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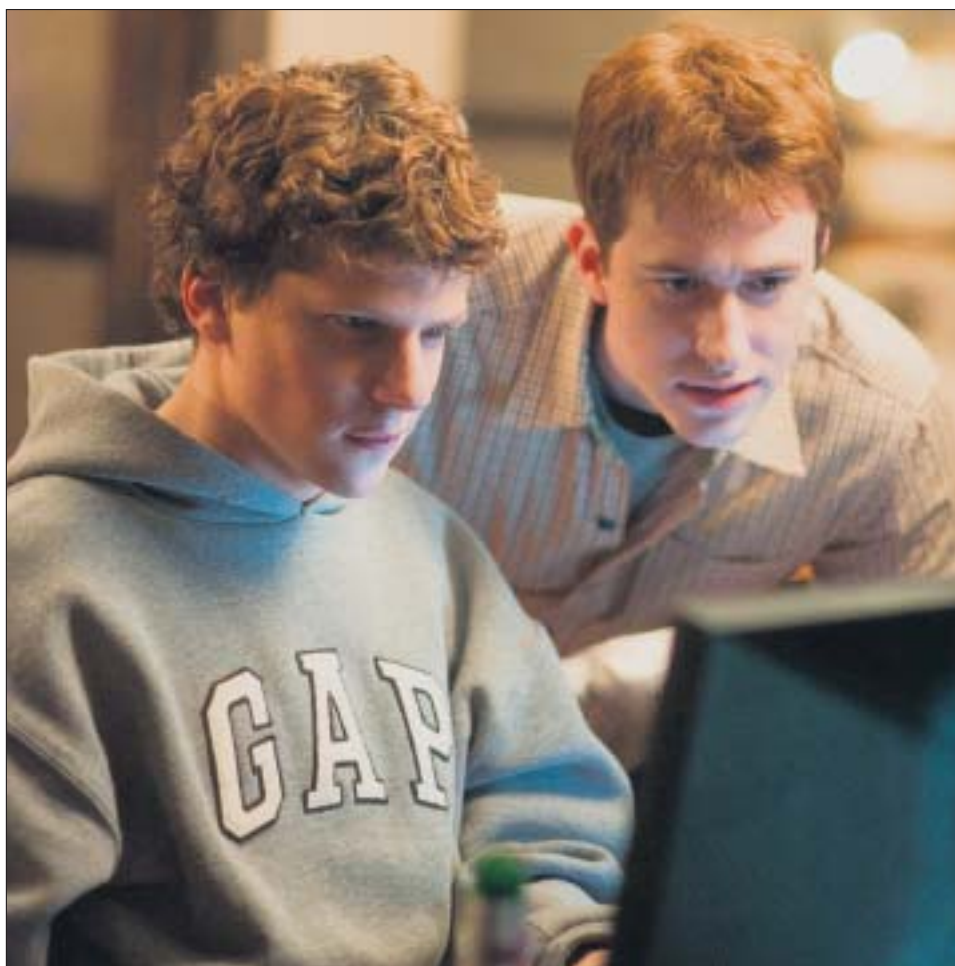
The *Social Network* is technically flawless, powered by Fincher's dazzling direction, including a bravura rowing sequence at Henley Regatta set to a reworking of Grieg's *In The Hall Of The Mountain King*.

Sorkin's screenplay is equally polished – so much so that characters speak without hesitation or pause for thought, which strains credibility, even at one of America's most revered seats of learning.

Eisenberg's compelling, one-note performance fails to reveal any chinks of humanity beneath Zuckerberg's thick skin.

Indeed, to the final frame, the character is an emotionally cold and unsympathetic loner, which leaves us with no-one to root for as the legal battle turns nasty.

Garfield is much more likeable and when he vows revenge against Mark, seething, "I'm not coming back for 30 per cent, I'm coming back for everything", it's the closest we come to a rush of adrenaline.



FACING FACTS: Jesse Eisenberg as Mark Zuckerberg and Joseph Mazzello as Dustin Moskowitz make online history in *The Social Network*

THE SOCIAL NETWORK
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HEIRS AND GRACES: Intrigue and polite conversation over dinner at *Downton Abbey*



YOUR TV REVIEW DOWNTON ABBEY: ITV, 9pm, Sunday

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

FOR a highbrow insight into the dying days of the British aristocracy, and a stonking period drama to boot, *Downton Abbey* is the one to watch.

ITV's newest costume drama is set in a great country house in 1912. It details many of the upstairs-downstairs dichotomies prevalent in stately homes at the time.

The first introduction we have to the house is finding that the Duke of Grantham's two heirs have been wiped out by the sinking of the *Titanic*. It soon becomes clear the next in line to the title and estate is not one of its well-bred inmates but a distant middle-class relative who works as a lawyer in Manchester (a concept still alien to the aristocracy).

One of the fortés of this drama is that it doesn't shy away from the bigoted attitudes of the time in favour of a light-hearted story.

Many of those inside *Downton*, servants and family alike, are quick to condemn the new heir and his mother for being 'not our sort of people'.

The Duke of Grantham's (Hugh Bonneville) quiet and noble new valet John Bates (Brendan Coyle) has a limp due to a shrapnel injury picked up in the Boer War, and he is treated as a drain on resources by footmen and maids. The blatant and accepted discrimination makes the watcher feel proud of modern political correctness and disability compliance laws.

The gay footman being treated as a guilty, disposable secret by his titled lover makes today's society seem far more advanced by comparison.

The drama has a stellar cast including Maggie Smith, known to younger viewers as Professor McGonagall from *Harry Potter*, costume drama veteran Hugh Bonneville and Brendan Coyle, lately of *Lark Rise to Candleford*.

The plot and dialogue are both compelling, as are the more seasoned actors and actresses, of which there are many. Although less practised, the younger cast members put in admirable performances and add freshness to what could otherwise have been a stuffy show.

The story follows both the aristocratic family and the servants, ensuring plenty of promising storylines to follow.

An understated and intriguing drama, if *Downton Abbey* continues in the same vein it will have me hooked all series.

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41YR old divorced female, likes astrology, writing, cats, seeks fun loving guy with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381528 ☒

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AFFABLE serene, black, attractive female, nice smile, 37, slim, 5ft 7ins, likes reading, music, theatre and more, seeks genuine, caring gent, 36-49, N/S to share life and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815

ATTRACTIVE slim, easygoing, African lady, 30's, likes travel, nights in, seeks genuine, solvent white male, 36-48 for no strings relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346955

ALICE 47, black, seeks older male for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381748 ☒

TRACEY 45, sexy Scorpio, tattooed, petite, affectionate, likes music, comedy, cinema, seeks tall, medium build, tattooed, easygoing male, 45-48 with GSOH. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341045

MICHELLE 39, blue eyed blonde bombshell, beautiful curves, enjoys male company, seeks romantic male who likes the simple things in life too. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341289 ☒

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YOUNG 52yr old attractive, slim brunette, N/S, easygoing, enjoys most things, seeks N/S genuine male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340787

LINDA larger lady 61, seeks male for company and time out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340701

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OUTGOING 44, bubbly, brunette, likes to keep fit seeks outgoing, sporty male who knows how to enjoy life too. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347341 ☒

STUNNING slim brunette, 40, great company, loves going out, looking to share intimate moments with that special someone. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347339 ☒

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LOUISE 19, fun, flirty brunette, seeks good looking, well built older male with a nice smile to sweep her off her feet and look after her. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341317 ☒

37YR old attractive, happy go lucky blonde with great curves seeks lively older male to share the fun side of life with. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344161 ☒

KAY 41, saucy redhead with fabulous curves, loves rock music, looking for smart tall dark guy to pamper and be looked after in return. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341315 ☒

LOVE life? Attractive, blue eyed, 52yr old female, romantic, outgoing, genuine, passionate about family, travel, having fun, seeking her prince Charming 45-55 who loves the above and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344323 ☒

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BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291 ☒

RETIRED professional lady, 70's, likes music, reading, gardens, seeks tall gent for friendship and companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 343503

NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393

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MATURE attractive, fit male, seeks slim, petite, sexy Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349805 ☒

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KERRY 39, independent curvy brunette, sensual, tactile, loves cuddles and kisses, seeks cheeky, spontaneous guy to keep her company make her smile again. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340283 ☒

KAREN 34, sexy leggy brunette who knows there's more to life than just work! WLTm confident professional male for time off meets in London and fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342525 ☒

DOROTHY 70's, 5ft, fair hair, likes coast, Chinese food, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342451 ☒

SEDUCTIVE saucy lady 39, curvaceous and fun, seeks happy go lucky male for lots of fun and attention. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344177 ☒

39YR old tall, slim brunette, big brown eyes, kind, gentle, seeks similar active man to share new experiences and adventures with. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344173 ☒



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HANDSOME professional male, 6ft 2ins, blond hair, green eyes, 35, WLTm fun loving girl to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349415 ☒

JOHN 45, 5ft 5ins, blue eyes, happy go lucky, caring, likes nights in/out, cinema, seaside, walks, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349417 ☒

RICHARD 49, 6ft, slim, professional, GSOH, tactile, affectionate, likes most things, seeks slim, affectionate female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349519 ☒

59YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, smoker, GSOH, honest, down to earth, likes music, sun, shine, walks, home life, holidays, days out, seeks female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349741 ☒

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YOUTHFUL male, 49, 5ft 8ins, N/S, white, seeks slim African Princess, 30-45 for fun and laughter maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350185 ☒

ANNE widow, 70's, 5ft 6ins, brown hair/eyes, likes socialising, tv, meals out, seeks gentleman for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342907

LINDA larger lady 61, likes tv, gardening, seeks male for time out and company. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 343093

LOVING blue eyed blonde 28, WLTm unattached loving male for some serious fun and passion. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344203 ☒

JO tall, blonde, blue eyes, sexy figure, seeks male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347421

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTm male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305 ☒

39YR old tall, slim brunette, big brown eyes, kind, gentle, seeks similar active man to share new experiences and adventures with. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344173 ☒

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CHARLIE 50's, charm, cheek, charisma, nice house/car, 5ft 9ins, attractive, seeks female for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348829 ☒

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OSSIE 34, seeks female for no strings fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381852 ☒

ATTRACTIVE male, 39, slim, easygoing, genuine, seeks buxom female for down to earth relationship. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348749

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SINGLE male, 40, down to earth, normal, seeks likeminded female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349279

BLACK male, 30, attractive, seeks female, 18-40 slim-medium build for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349267

ALEX professional black male, 36, likes travel, meals out, museum, theatre, seeks kind lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350203 ☒

NICK 40, 5ft 6ins, slim-medium build, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, honest, caring, seeks female, 28-38 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349181 ☒

MELV 45, long distance lorry driver, GSOH, 6ft, slim, seeks laid-back, easygoing female with no lies for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349171 ☒

EDDIE 50, blond hair, blue eyes, going through a rough time, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381982 ☒

ROB 38, likes animals, cinema, walks, meals out, children, slim, 5ft 11ins, black hair, seeks bubbly female, 25-40. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349069 ☒

TONY 48, single dad, carpenter, likes bowling, football, wine, DIY, seeks female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349067 ☒

DAVID young intelligent, strong, funny male, 30, black British African, seeks beautiful female with GSOH to share no strings relationship and fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381898 ☒

ATTRACTIVE blond blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, extremely genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere, Oriental/black/Asian female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348973

PAUL 44, easygoing, seeks attractive, easygoing female of similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381896 ☒

PROFESSIONAL affluent executive, 5ft 8ins, N/S, needs to correct work/life balance, seeks lady, 35-45 to share quality time with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348899 ☒

PAUL 48, slim, 6ft, seeks caring female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348705 ☒

JEFFERY 52, white, 6ft 2ins, medium build, likes meals out, cinema, holidays, seeks single, genuine black female for 1-2-1 relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348663 ☒

ANDY 42, romantic, loving, attractive, likes nights out, cooking, weekends away, seeks busy female, 32-55 with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349281 ☒

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RICHARD 58, 5ft 11ins, medium build, likes meals out, classic cars, places of interest, N/S, seeks female of similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348199 ☒

NICK 40, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 6ins, slim, GSOH, genuine, honest, likes good times, seeks honest female, 28-40 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347297 ☒

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Gay Seeking

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TALL non scene guy mid 20's, seeks older gent, 65 plus for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

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DON'T FRET: The Battle of the Blues contest is seeking talented jazz musicians

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BLUES bands are being invited to take part in a nationwide talent search which will see the UK's top unsigned act being flown out to Canada to perform at a world-renowned festival.

The Battle of the Blues contest is being led by the Canadian province of New Brunswick, which is offering the overall winner the opportunity of performing at the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival in Fredericton in September, 2011.

Competition organiser Lisa Gagnon appealed for the county's top jazz and blues stars to put their name forward.

She said: "The Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival is looking for new international talent to add to their line-up for 2011 and we feel the UK has a lot to offer in the way of exceptional blues musicians."

"We want to tap into the blues scene and find some real gems."

Entry to the first stage of the competition is via YouTube. The deadline for applicants is Friday, December 17.

Successful musicians will then be selected to perform at a one-night battle of the bands-style heat at The New Crawdaddy Blues Club in Billericay, Essex, on Thursday, January 27.

The regional winners will travel to London for the final to be held on Tuesday, March 29, and judged by a panel of blues greats.

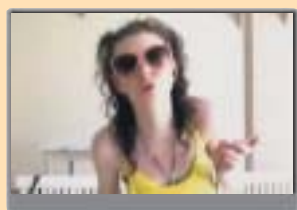
Regional runners-up will be put to a public vote and the public choices will also get to perform on the London stage.

But there can only be one outright UK winner and they must prove they can produce new and original work and they must be unsigned.

For more information about the competition, visit www.tourismnewbrunswick.co.uk.

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- 5 Third Place Victory - 5/11 Wired Headline, Margate



OSTEND OF THE LINE: Monuments commemorate Ostend's military history while its impressive tramway provides inter-European links

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Why not soak up the heart and soul of Flemish city life

■ BY NICK AMES

BEER, chocolates and trams together with a large part of the history of the two world wars are immediately associated with our neighbour across the water, Belgium.

So is classical-style architecture, good food and art.

But soul music?

The resort of Ostend boasts numerous attractions, including access to the world's largest tram network, which covers the entire Belgian coast from the French to the Dutch border.

There is even a display in a seafront museum dedicated to the history of this form of transport, with vintage rolling stock – which has served the country for 125 years. In the centre of the attractive town is a museum dedicated to the weird and wonderful satirical works of James Ensor, who satirised the ruling classes in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

A walk through the town with an iPod provided by the local tourist board is an illuminating way of looking at his inspirations.

Nearby is a section of the German Atlantic Wall which was built to defend the occupied country against the expected Allied invasion.

The Germans abandoned it though as the British, Americans and Canadians advanced from the south and it is now among the best preserved examples of the military of the Third Reich anywhere in the world.

But Ostend has a very interesting former resident – more usually associated with Detroit than Flanders.

On the advice of Belgian concert promoter Freddy Cousaert, soul legend Marvin Gaye (pictured) moved to the town in February 1981 where for a time he cut down on drugs and began to get back in shape both physically and emotionally.

FACT FILE: OSTEND

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Language	French, Flemish, English
Population	69,000
Currency	Euro
Religion	Roman Catholic

LD Lines/Transeuropa Ferries operate four return sailings daily between Ramsgate and Ostend. Short break fares start from £78 return for a car and two passengers and Autumn Break fares from £59 single for a car and up to nine passengers. For information and to book: www.ldlines.com or call 0844 576 8836. Ostend Tourism Visitor information: www.toerisme-ostende.be or email: info@toerisme-ostende.be or call: 00 32 (0) 59 70 11 99. Further short break and online reservations available via: www.specialoffers-ostende.be. Also for Ostend/Flanders information: www.visit-flanders.com.



He was also in a little bit of trouble with the tax authorities back home.

While in Belgium, Gaye began to make plans to renew his declining fortunes in his professional career, starting with a tour he titled The Heavy Love Affair Tour in England.

The tour ended with two concert dates in Ostend. A documentary leading up to his Belgian concert performances titled Transit Ostend was initially released to just Belgian fans, and was later issued in bootleg copies following Gaye's death.

"Marvin was a special man, very distinguished, very impressive, but it was like Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde," said Monique Licht, an independent film producer in Belgium who worked with Gaye on a 30-minute film for Belgian television, 1981's Marvin Gaye: Transit Ostend.

"At times, he was like an elegant zombie walking along the beach in Ostend," said Ms Licht. "He was there, but at the same time he was not there."

"He was happy alone in front of

the sea. In my opinion, he should have stayed in Ostend. I don't understand why he went back to the States. If he had stayed, he might still be alive today."

Those who knew the soul star in the town say it is the sort of place where visitors are left alone but welcomed whenever they seek company. Ostend has been welcoming visitors from Britain for years and English is widely spoken.

The streets are thronged with restaurants and bars, with the local beer among the best in the world.

As well as the art and culture, the town boasts excellent shopping opportunities and a thriving arts scene.

Railways connect it to the rest of Europe and the marina, with its tall ship, is spectacular.

And it has one mystery connected with its music legend.

Everyone says the piano on which Gaye composed Sexual Healing is around. But no-one knows exactly where it is.

MOTORS NEWS



Used Mondeo currently most affordable Ford

WHAT Car? has named the diesel Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Zetec hatchback Used Car of the Year 2010.

Just £8,600 buys a 2007 model with all the kit and space a family will ever need – a saving of more than £10,000 on a new Ford Mondeo.

The magazine's editor Steve Fowler said: "It's a comfortable cruiser for covering motorway miles, yet it's still great fun to drive and makes an extremely capable family car. There's loads of cabin space, plus it's solid and well put together."



Record-breaking Passat keeps going on and on

VOLKSWAGEN'S Passat BlueMotion (from £19,365) has set a new Guinness World Record for the longest distance travelled by a standard production passenger car on a tank of fuel.

The three-day record bid started from Maidstone and went to the South of France and almost made it back; the Passat finally ran out of fuel close to Calais after covering 1,526.63 miles, averaging nearly 90mpg – 50 per cent better than its claimed average – and averaging 45 mph, all from 77.25 litres of diesel.



Extra E is the greenest

SEAT'S greenest Ecomotive models will be even easier to spot under a new badge structure.

To coincide with the UK launch of the all-new seven-seat Alhambra MPV – which boasts a class-leading 'green' version – and the arrival of the latest generation Ibiza Ecomotive supermini with emissions slashed to a road tax-exempt 92g/km, the VW-owned Spanish marque has come up with the E Ecomotive badge (pictured) to denote models with the ultimate eco-friendly spec, while the simple Ecomotive label continues on those with a reduced green shading.



LITTLE WONDER: Suzuki's Jimny is an acquired taste on the road, but its long travel suspension gives it excellent off-road ability for a fraction of the cost of its larger rival 4x4s

Off-roading downsized

ROAD TEST SUZUKI JIMNY

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

you might expect, but it is fidgety – don't buy a Jimny just for posing.

Those riding in front get a decent deal and the high driving position is superb for such a compact car, but the rear seats are really suitable only for kids and the boot is minimalist.

There is also no choice of engine and though the little 85bhp 1,328cc petrol engine and low gearing delivers good off-roading, the Jimny is one of the slowest cars you can buy.

However, the gears and steering are crisp so you can enjoy piloting this little workhorse around with an average economy around 40mpg and it will cruise at 70mph, though the cabin is noisy.

Fixtures and fittings are as durable and functional as you might expect on this type of car, though the indicator stalk is mounted on the right – most of us now prefer a Continental-style mounting on the left.

Buy it for the right reasons though and the Suzuki is unbeatable and indestructible.

Most of the time you can run in economical two-wheel drive, via the rear axle, but hit the '4WD' and even the low ratio '4WDL' button for extra purchase.



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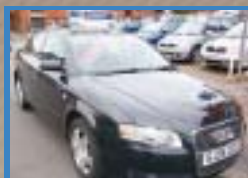
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2002/51 Ford Mondeo LX 2.0 TDCi 5dr Hatchback, 104,000 Miles, Met Blue (Black Cloth), Diesel, Air Con, PAS, ABS, A/Bags, Alloys, R/C/L, E/W, E/M, S/H, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD/Stereo, MOT'd until June 11 and taxed until Dec 10£1950
2003/52 Renault Clio 1.6 Dynamique 16v 3dr Hatchback, 91,000 miles, Met Silver (Charcoal Cloth), Air Con, Climate, PAS, ABS, A/Bags, E/S/R, Alloys, R/C/L, E/W, E/M, S/H, Immobiliser, CD/Stereo, Front Fog-lights, MOT'd until March 11£1950
2001/Y Rover 25 1.4 Impression 5dr Hatchback, 54,000 miles, Met Silver (Charcoal Cloth), PAS, ABS, A/Bag, Alloys, E/W, Alarm, Immobiliser, CD/Stereo£1950
2001/51 Vauxhall Vectra 1.8 LS 5dr Hatchback, 79,000 miles, Met Silver (Grey Cloth), Air Con, PAS, ABS, A/Bags, E/W, E/M, S/H, Alarm, Immobiliser, Stereo, MOT'd until Sept 11£1950
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2001/Y Nissan Almera 1.8 Sport 5dr Hatchback, 85,000 miles, Met Black (Blue Cloth), Air Con, PAS, ABS, A/Bags, Alloys, R/C/L, E/W, E/M, Immobiliser, CD/Stereo, Front Fog-lights, MOT'd until Oct 10£1450
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PROPERTY NEWS

First-time buyers may face decade of misery

THE current problems in the mortgage market could take a decade to fix, excluding a generation of first-time buyers from getting on to the property ladder, a report has suggested.

The number of mortgages taken out by people with only a ten per cent deposit, loans which are typically associated with first-time buyers, fell dramatically from 245,000 in 2006, to just 28,000 in 2009 – an 89 per cent fall, according to insurer Genworth Financial.

The group said the decrease suggested around 100,000 first-time buyers were excluded from getting on to the property ladder each year during the period.

Angel Mas, president of mortgage insurance Europe at Genworth Financial, said: "The barrier to home ownership appears to be widening, with increasing numbers of first-time buyers excluded – a shocking 100,000 year-on-year between 2006 and 2009.

"The estimation in this report that this is a situation that could take decades, not years, to recover raises real concerns that a whole generation may be excluded from getting a foot on to the housing ladder."

Mortgages reform is not viable proposition

PROPOSALS by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) to reform the mortgage market could leave many potential borrowers in danger of being unable to obtain what it is they require, according to What Mortgage.

Earlier in the year the FSA recommended imposing affordability tests for all mortgages and making lenders ultimately responsible for ensuring the borrower's ability to pay, as well as providing extra protection for vulnerable customers.

However, the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) responded by saying that has these changes been in effect from 2005, around 3.8 million 'good' house purchase loans may not have been granted.

Ben Wilkie, editor of What Mortgage, said the FSA needs to listen to industry voices like the CML and in any case, lenders already take steps to reduce their risk.

"Making a cut off for first-time buyers would ruin it for people who want to move house, people who want to remortgage, people who want to invest in property or people who want to downsize when they retire," he added.



IMF predicting double dip for the UK housing market

■ BY NICK AMES

A WARNING has been issued by one of the most respected financial organisations in the world over the immediate future of the housing market.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has suggested the UK property market could experience a double dip.

In its latest World Economic Outlook, the IMF highlighted that despite Government efforts to boost the housing market and encourage first-time buyers, UK house prices could still be in line for "further correction".

The IMF was referring to the two stamp duty holidays.

"What remains worrisome (about the UK), however, is that house prices are still high based on traditional valuation yardsticks, and policy support may not be enough to prevent further correction," the Fund said.

The IMF points out that a slump in activity had been experienced after a first stamp duty holiday ended in December 2009.

In March 2010, the former Labour Government abolished stamp duty on house purchases up to £250,000 for two years.

The Government said the change would mean 90 per cent of first-time buyers will not pay the duty.

However, despite efforts by the Government, the fact remains that mortgages are less readily available and approvals have slumped. Demand remains at 50 per cent of the level seen prior to the credit crunch.

Meanwhile, the Halifax revealed UK house prices fell by a record 3.6 per cent in September compared with August.

The latest house price fall takes the average cost of a UK home to £162,096, the Halifax said. According to the lender, the monthly decline was the biggest since records began in 1983.

However, it is still too soon to suggest that this is the start of a slump in house prices. The fall in house prices has been attributed to a high level of instructions on the market but a lack of buyer demand, according to many reports.

The uncertainty surrounding the economy is also having a negative impact on the housing market and therefore the market is likely to remain subdued in the short term.



MAKING THE NEWS: September saw the average price of a UK home fall to £162,096, the biggest drop since 1983

However, exact details of the market continue to vary across the UK.

The South East has been among the most resilient when it comes to prices and forecasts and predictions can be distorted by poor performances in the market in the north of England.

Critics of the IMF say the British housing market is unique though and once people feel secure about their future and banks start making mortgages available the housing market will pick up.

People have to live somewhere and British people prefer to buy rather than rent.

Lure of living abroad holds biggest appeal to the British

BRITISH people are unique in the world in their enthusiasm for buying foreign property, according to the Digital Property Group.

The company's head of content Nigel Lewis said there are now

around two million British citizens living abroad.

He said: "Obviously that is a mixture of business people working overseas in places like Singapore, but the majority are people who have retired or have

holiday homes and live overseas for parts of the year," he said.

Interest in buying foreign property peaked in September, figures from the Worldwide Property Group have revealed, with 72 per cent of people saying they think

now is a good time to invest.

The US, Spain and the Caribbean were considered the best places to buy, while Brazil also ranked highly. European countries such as France and Spain also remain popular.

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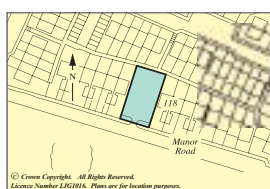
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CROSS: Colin Richmond helped Maidstone on their way

United breeze through to next round of Trophy

Maidstone United 2 Burgess Hill Town 0

GOALS from strikers Adrian Stone and Danny Hockton earned Maidstone United their first home win since April and a passage through to the next round of the FA Trophy.

The Stones were rarely threatened by their Ryman South opponents and in truth they should have won by a more convincing margin, although manager Peter Nott, in his last game in charge, was a relieved man to see United open their account at home.

He said: "It was important for the club to progress in the FA Trophy and it was a boost for the players and management team. It's easy to criticise, but a lot of hard work goes in to our games and we haven't got our just rewards.

FOOTBALL

"The first half-hour we were very strong but we didn't get the goal we needed. I thought we could have won by three or four."

Maidstone started on the front foot in what was a very open game in the first-half. Stone thought he had given the home side the lead just before the half-hour mark, but the striker's effort, from a Colin Richmond cross, struck both posts and rolled along the line to safety.

Hill finished the half strongly and forced goalkeeper Andy Walker into action when he saved Darren Boswell's free-kick, but Nott's side came out for the second-half eager to convert their possession into goals

and the Stones supporters didn't have too long to wait.

Simon Glover ran into the area and his shot was tipped onto the bar by Harding and Stone mopped up the rebound with a header from close range to give United the lead.

The goal lifted the hosts and they went on to control the game with Burgess Hill unable to trouble Walker in the Maidstone goal.

It wasn't until the 77th minute that the hosts wrapped up the game, however. Stone led a counter-attacking move and his shot from the edge of the area was parried to Hockton, who made no mistake with the rebound.

United went on to close out the victory and set up a second qualifying round tie at Cray Wanderers on October 30.

FOOTBALL

Stadium plans to be scaled down in 2011

MAIDSTONE United's new chief executive, Bill Williams, says a return to the county town by the club's stated target of 2011 is a realistic proposition – but only if existing stadium plans are scaled down.

"Hopefully we'll have quite a dynamic plan. It [the planned stadium at James Whatman Way] is not going to be massive, but it will be practical.

"If Maidstone's got a population of 160,000, for argument's sake, I think we'll get crowds of 800 to 1,000 if there's a reasonable team on the field. Obviously we'll get more if we have a cup run, so we need to build a basic shell for 2,500 to 3,000, with the room to go up if we need to."

But he warned the new board will need to stabilise the club and sort out the red tape before it can reveal more detailed plans.

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SACKED: Peter Nott only took over as Maidstone boss in February, but said once the club's takeover was completed in recent weeks he knew he was living on borrowed time

Axed Stones boss says he deserved more time

PETER Nott says he knew his days were numbered as manager of Maidstone United once the long drawn out takeover was completed.

Nott was sacked by new owners Oliver Ash, Bill Williams and Terry Casey on Monday night, just eight months into the job, and on the back of having seen his side win their first game at home against Burgess Hill Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

After taking over as a manager from Lloyd Hume and Alan Walker in February, Nott helped guide the Stones away from relegation last season and was rewarded with a one-year contract in April. However, results have been hard to come by this term as the club sits bottom of the Ryman Premier League with just one league win.

Although admitting the season has not started well, he felt he had the squad to turn

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

the club's fortunes around. But once the takeover by Ash, Williams and Casey was completed, Nott, who has been involved with the club for nine years, said he knew he was living on borrowed time.

He said: "I wouldn't say it was a shock. Bill [Williams] never wanted my appointment and once Paul Bowden-Brown [former chairman] was out the way it was a question of when – not if. I'm massively disappointed and I genuinely thought we were turning things around. It's been difficult as we've had players out injured and suspended and the budget constraints were difficult to work with. I feel I should have been given more time, but it wasn't to be.

"It's really disappointing to leave after nine

years at the club. I've had a good time as reserves boss and I've helped bring a lot of players through the ranks like Chris Smalling and the club has benefitted from this."

Nott revealed his management task was made all the more difficult by having to lead the line while three former football managers were watching on the sidelines.

He said: "I've seen managers all on the sidelines while I have been taking charge of the side, which wasn't pleasant. I'm sure whoever it is that takes over will get more support than I did.

"I don't want to be bitter because I am a supporter. It's my club and I had always dreamed of being Maidstone United manager. I wish the club well in the future and maybe one day I will be able to go and watch them.

"The club has got too many good people attached to it and the supporters deserve for the club to be playing back in Maidstone, I just hope that happens. I wish the new management team all the best."

Champion Cook giving the men a run for their money

MOTORSPORT

BY TOM HOWARD

RALLYING is predominantly a male-dominated discipline, but Louise Cook is bucking the trend after winning a national title in her debut season.

Although this year's British Rally Championship Challenge was her first full season, the Aylesford driver has impressed finishing tenth overall and first in the RC4 class.

The 23-year-old, who was the only woman competing in the championship, could have finished as high as fourth overall, had it not been for a mechanical problem in the final round in Yorkshire last month.

While Cook is at the beginning of her rallying career, she is already setting her sights on taking on the best in Great Britain and beyond.

She said: "I am pleased with how it has gone in the first year. I wasn't the only one in my class so it was a great achievement to win. If we had just turned up we could have finished fourth overall, even if we had finished last. It was frustrating but we still managed to win our class."

"I achieved my goals, but I'm planning to win it next year. I think finishing in the top-three every round is realistic and then hopefully after that I can get into the main British Rally Championship and then the World Rally Championship Academy."



CLASS ABOVE: Louise Cook finished first in the RC4 class in her first British Rally Championship Challenge season

After finishing tenth in a 25-strong field this year, she is not afraid to take on the men.

She said: "A lot of people have asked me if I compete in an all-ladies championship and I have to put them right. When I was sixth in the table it did start to attract attention from my rivals and they didn't like it. I don't mind who I'm competing against, I just want to beat anyone who is out there."

Compared to circuit racing, rallying has its own unique challenges with drivers negotiating narrow stages on various surfaces, with only a co-driver to warn them of the upcoming

corners. Getting to grips with the concept is a task in itself, but Cook says she has surprised herself with her rapid progress.

She said: "It's been a lot tougher than I thought it would be. Obviously the sponsorship side of things has been difficult and learning and getting used to pace notes has been a challenge and setting the car up hasn't been easy. The actual driving on the rallies has been the easy bit."

Cook has already started preparing herself for next season's British Rally Championship Challenge campaign.

HOCKEY



Picture: LOOKRIPCO

HAT-TRICK: Lizzie Daniels (left) was in red-hot form

Lizzie top scorer as ladies smash Ipswich

Ipswich 2nd XI 0 Maidstone 1st XI 10

MAIDSTONE ladies moved three points clear at the top of the East Women's Hockey Premier League after thrashing Ipswich at the weekend.

Rachel Thompson's side dominated the game throughout and their clinical finishing in front of goal proved the major difference between the two sides.

Lizzie Daniels scored a hat-trick, while there were braces for Cara Brogan and Jody Goodwin. Maria Miles, Kathryn Waldrom and Courtney Cummins were also on the scoresheet.

The victory preserves Maidstone's 100 per cent start to the season and extended their lead at the top of the table to three points. Bury St Edmonds visit the Armstrong Road club on Saturday, as Maidstone look to continue their excellent early season form.

The men were unable to follow the ladies' example, losing 4-0 to South Hockey League Premier Division One leaders Staines. Darren Marchant's side are rooted to the bottom of the league and still searching for a first win of the season.

Village stalwart's prize gives youth chance to shine



AWARD: Peter Robinson (centre) with (left) Dane Douetil (Brit Insurance) and (right) Mervyn King (Chance to Shine)

CRICKET

ADDINGTON Village Cricket Club stalwart Peter Robinson has been presented with a Special Recognition award for his work on the 'Chance to Shine' campaign.

Robinson was one of the first in Kent to introduce the scheme to his club in 2005. The England and Wales Cricket Board Chance to Shine initiative offers opportunities for children of all ages to play the game.

The campaign, launched in 2005, doesn't specifically aim to develop the cricketing stars of the future, but teaches young people vital life skills through sport.

Throughout his time as Chance to Shine project manager, Robinson has poured considerable energy into Addington Village and has

also supported several other projects in the county in the last five years.

The Addington member was recognised for his contribution to the scheme at the Brit Insurance Annual Achievement Awards held at Lord's, the home of cricket, last week.

He said: "It's superb to win. We started Chance to Shine at my club five years ago and it's grown considerably. I'm now involved beyond my club scheme into the Kent County Board disabilities programme, which is absolutely wonderful. It's really what switches me on."

Addington Village will host its annual presentation evening on November 27. The club enjoyed a relatively successful season on the field, with the 1st XI finishing a respectable fourth in Kent League Division Three, while the under-17's won the Mid-Kent Youth League.

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